

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION COMMITTEE (UEC)

A meeting of the University Education Committee will be held on **Wednesday 6 October 2021** at **10am**, by way of **Microsoft Teams**.

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AGENDA

FOR DISCUSSION

- 1. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of the UEC held on 23 June and 25 August 2021**
(UEC/061021/001a)
(UEC/061021/001b)

- 2. Matters Arising** (UEC/061021/002)

- 3. Health, Safety and Wellbeing** (Oral Item)

Members of the Committee are asked to **note** the Campus Planning Group (CPG) papers and minutes of meetings, available [here](#).

- 4. UEC Remit and Composition** (UEC/061021/003)

- 5. Education in the First Half-Session 2021/22** (UEC/061021/004)

Members of the UEC are invited to **discuss** the attached paper, providing an update on Education during the first half session of the 2021/22 academic year.

- 6. Arrangements for Teaching Delivery for Rest of Academic Year 2021/22**
(UEC/061021/005)

Members of UEC are invited to **note** the information on the delivery of teaching for the rest of the academic year 2021/22.

- 7. Timing of the 2022/23 Academic Year** (UEC/061021/006)

Members of the UEC are invited to **consider** the proposals for approval by Senate relating to the start date and structure for the 2022/23 academic year.

- 8. Education at the University of Aberdeen: Strategy and Planning** (UEC/061021/007)

The UEC is invited to **discuss** and **provide feedback** on the paper, noting that the Aberdeen 2040 actions and KPIs have undergone extensive university-wide consultation, including with UEC (UCTL), and are therefore agreed.

- 9. National Student Survey (NSS) 2021 Comprehensive Analysis** (UEC/061021/008)

Members of the UEC are asked to **discuss** the attached paper, which provides a comprehensive analysis of the 2021 National Student Survey (NSS).

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the UEC will be held at 2pm on Wednesday 10 November 2021.

11. Items for Routine Approval – see overleaf

12. Items for Information – see overleaf

Any member of the Committee wishing an item for routine approval or for information to be brought forward for discussion may ask at the meeting for that to be done. Any such item will be taken after item 1.

Declaration of interests: Any member and individual in attendance (including Officers) who has a clear interest in a matter on the agenda should declare that interest at the relevant meeting, whether or not that interest is already recorded in the Registry of Member's interests.

11. FOR ROUTINE APPROVAL

11.1 Latest Date for the Return of Examination Results

Members of the Committee are invited to approve the Latest Dates for the Return of Examination Results, for the First Half-Session of 2021/22 as follows:

Undergraduate courses, Levels 1 to 5: by Friday 28 January 2022
Postgraduate Taught courses: by Friday 4 February 2022
January Start Postgraduate Taught programmes, for candidates commencing January 2021:
by Friday 4 February 2022

12. FOR INFORMATION

12.1 2021/22 Monitoring Deadlines *(UEC/061021/009)*

Members of the Committee are invited to **note** the 2021/22 Monitoring Deadlines, approved by way of Chair's Action.

12.2 Winter Graduation Ceremonies

Members of the Committee are invited to **note** the November 2021 Graduation Ceremony allocations, approved by way of Chair's Action, as follows:

Wednesday 24 November

Higher and First Degrees in the Schools of Medicine, Medical Sciences & Nutrition
Biological Sciences

Wednesday 24 November

Higher and First Degrees in the Schools of Engineering, Geosciences, Natural & Computing
Sciences and Psychology

Thursday 25 November

Higher and First Degrees in the Schools of Divinity, History, Philosophy & Art History, Education, Social Science and Language, Literature, Music & Visual Culture

Thursday 25 November

Higher and First Degrees in the Business School and the School of Law

12.3 Student Absence Policy (UEC/061021/010)

Members of the Committee are invited to **note** the attached revised Student Absence Policy, approved by way of Chair's Action. Members are advised that this revised version provides clarification of the actions students isolating as a consequence of Covid-19 (where they remain able to engage with their studies online) are required to take.

12.4 Disability Timing (UEC/061021/011)

Members of the Committee are invited to **note** the paper on *Approaches to Time for Completion of Assessment by Disabled Students with Provisions for Extra Time in Academic Year 2021/22*, approved by the Committee by way of circulation.

12.5 Quality Evaluation and Enhancement of UK Transnational Higher Education Provision 2021-22 to 2025-26

Members of the UEC are invited to **note** that the University has signed up to the Quality Assurance Agency's (QAA's) new TNE quality evaluation and enhancement scheme, 'QE-TNE'. By registering for the QAA QE-TNE Scheme, the University is investing in the quality of our students' academic experience and demonstrating our commitment to the advancement of UK higher education delivered overseas. Further information is available on the [QAA's webpages](#).