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LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY

SENATE 18th January

PRESENT: Dr P Haughan (in the Chair), Associate Professor G Anderson, Associate Professor M Baxendale, Mr M Beecroft, Ms S Beecroft, Dr W Bignold, Professor W Blazek, Professor M Brennan, Associate Professor M Carey, Professor Carroll-Meehan, Dr J Clear, Professor Rosanna Cousins, Professor G Cuthbertson, Professor S Davismoon, Professor N Donnelly, Mr J Ellison, Professor N Ferguson, Dr A Foulkes, Ms S Haines, Dr J Hogan, Ms S Kelly, Professor O Khaiyat, Professor M Lavalette, Ms G Mair, Dr J Malone, Professor S Marwood, Professor P McGrail, Ms E Meharry, Ms S Murray, Professor A Nagar, Professor G Paramei, Associate Professor C Penketh, Professor D Reid, Associate Professor D Roche, Mr D Sennett, Dr F Su, Mr N Thorley, Professor C Wakefield, Dr C Walsh, Ms J Whittingham, Associate Professor P Xenitidis (41 Members)

By Invitation:

Mr D Dykins (Secretary and Minutes)

APOLOGIES: Professor B Evans, Professor S Kelly, Professor F Rizzuto, Professor S Shakespeare, Ms O Vann, Ms C Vitti,

1. TEF Documentation

The meeting had been convened to consider the final draft of the University's TEF submission which Senators had received. Dr Haughan formally thanked Ms Murray, Ms Kelly, Dr Walsh, Prof McGrail and other colleagues who have worked hard to draft the submission. Dr Haughan explained that the submission placed the University in a strong position for a Silver award, but that staff were attempting to demonstrate why the University should retain its Gold status via the narrative.

Ms Murray explained that the TEF Working Group comprised representatives from Schools/Departments who helped to build case studies and examples to show best practice. Dr Walsh and Ms McGarry scrutinised data from every direction possible to ensure that nothing was missed. The initial draft was reviewed by Academic Committee in December shortly before Christmas, and since returning after the close-down the Group have been working to ensure the narrative highlights best practice. Ms Kelly said that this was not easy given the prescriptive/restrictive nature about the structure; this may mean that some items Senators might expect to see included have had to be left out. There was still time to further tighten up sections and ensure the submission was best it could be, and she welcomed any further comments or suggestions outside of this meeting.

The Students' Union had to write their own submission which aligned very well; Mr Thorley thanked Dr Bignold for supporting him in putting this together.

Senate **RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL** to University Council, the University's TEF submission.

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2. Undergraduate Awards, Progression and Completion

Members had received the revised regulations which have been amended so that Level C AND Single Honours students at all Levels of study, who have successfully completed a block of study, can retain this and do not have to do all 120 credits again. This does not apply to Level I and H, and all students at Level C can still use compensation regulations.

Dr Walsh noted that the use of supplementary examinations has been removed; reassessment will be conducted via the mode of the original assessment. On reassessment, it was agreed that the University reverts to setting the bar at which a student becomes entitled to complete reassessment at 25. Reassessments will be capped at the level of the individual assessment but there would be no cap on the outcome of the block or level.

Action: CW to circulate a brief summary of what has been agreed.

Senate **APPROVED** the change to UG Awards Prog and Completion and for this to be put into practice for the current academic year.

3. Assessment calendar 2022-23

Members had received the Assessment Calendar for 2022/23 for information. Following ROG, Student Enrolment & Admissions requested that the date of publication of the examination timetable to students be rolled back by 1 week from 28th Feb to 6 March.

Members **APPROVED** the Assessment calendar with the minor change above.

4. Revised Academic Calendar for 2023-24

Members had received the Revised Academic Calendar for 2023/24. The Chair explained that ALT had requested that this be reviewed to ensure that the date for the start the academic year later was practical, and did not disadvantage the University in its withdrawal of students before the December return. Members agreed that the preferred model would be to start with Induction starting on 25th September, and Reflective Weeks 30th October to 3rd November, and 4th to 8th December

Members **APPROVED** the Revised Academic Calendar for 2023/24.

5. Chair's Business

Senate were asked to consider the proposal that Professor Pillay be awarded the title Professor Emeritus. Members unanimously **APPROVED** the appointment of Professor Pillay as Professors Emeritus.

The Chair reminded Senators about Foundation and Graduation Days next week and requested that as many members of Senate to be there as possible.

Prof Lavalette noted that given the appointment of Prof Ozanne as Vice Chancellor, there was now a much better gender balance better at senior meetings and suggested this could be made into a news story for the bulletin.

6. Dates for Future Meetings: can be found [here](#)