

PARTNERSHIP AND ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference 2024-25

Purpose

To be responsible to Academic Committee for overseeing the management of all partnerships and accreditations ensuring that these are conducted in accordance with the Quality Assurance Agency expectations in [UK Quality Code, Advice and Guidance: Partnerships¹](#) and the OfS.

1. To advise Academic Committee in respect of partnership provision and accreditations in the UK and overseas, taking account of external reference points such as the [UK Quality Code for Higher Education](#) and other national and international regulatory requirements;
2. To inform policies and guidelines relating to collaborative provision and accreditations; and own and implement the requirements of the Partnerships and Accreditations Handbook.
3. To monitor the University's systems and processes regarding collaborative provision and accreditations to ensure that they remain fit for purpose and reflect the UK Quality Code for Higher Education, specifically the requirements relating to UK Quality Code, Advice and Guidance: Partnerships;
4. To consider annual reports from each School/Faculty (or equivalent) on all partnership provision and accreditations, ensuring that contractual obligations are met, actions are effectively implemented, and consideration given to common issues; these are then reported to the December Academic Committee.
5. Each Associate Dean to prepare a full list of the accreditations in their Faculty and report at each meeting that each of their accreditations is in good standing and currently meets the requirements of the accrediting body.
6. Through its oversight of all collaborative provision and accreditation activities, to promote good practice and consistency across the University's partnerships and accreditations;
7. To have oversight of the University's register of partnership provision and register of accreditations and all risk registers associated with the provision;
8. To report regularly and account to Academic Committee on the matters for which it has responsibility;
9. The Chair of PAC to provide an annual assurance report to the December Academic Committee and University Council on the robustness of the arrangements in place across the University in respect of academic partnership provision and accreditations, identifying any institutional matters for consideration and resolution;
10. To ensure that any changes to the partnerships and accreditations register are reviewed and, where appropriate, notified to the OfS.

¹ Note: the Partnerships and Accreditation Committee is not responsible for the strategic approval of partnership provision which shall remain the responsibility of University Executive Board and Senate. Furthermore, the Committee will not scrutinise the academic content of a partnership programme which shall remain the preserve of the Programme Approval Procedure.

Membership

Dean of Global Engagement (in the Chair)
4 x Associate Dean (External Engagement)
University Accreditations Collaborations Officer
1 x UEM (on rotation)
University Registrar

By Invitation

Relevant staff to be invited as required