

Minutes of the Electronic Meeting of Senate Education Committee 13 to 20 January 2022

1. For Approval

1.1 Minutes of Meeting held on 17 November 2021

The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

1.2 Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022 – Additional Questions

The additional PTES questions proposed in the paper were approved.

Members noted that the student safety questions had been removed from the 2022 PTES survey to align it with the National Student Survey (NSS, where the questions had been removed because students were frequently responding with COVID safety as opposed to more general safety on campus in mind). It was noted that it may be possible to gather more general information about safety on campus through upcoming Pulse Surveys.

1.3 Higher Education Achievement Report (HEAR): Proposal to Introduce a New ‘Additional Recognised Activity’

Whilst Education Committee was supportive of the ‘Moray House Community Champion’ role described in the proposal, concerns were raised about broader issues relating the HEAR:

- Equity for PGR students who do not, at present, receive a HEAR
- Whether the University should be recording School-specific activities on the HEAR, or only University-wide activities. Related to this, members suggested that it may be beneficial for all schools to have ‘Community Champions’.

It was agreed that the matter would be discussed further at the March meeting of the Committee.

ACTION: Secretary to add discussion of broader HEAR issues to March 2022 agenda.

2. For Information and Comment

Members noted the following items:

2.1 2021 UG and PGT / Online Entrants Reports

2.2 Curriculum Transformation Programme Update

2.3 University of Sydney – Academic Integrity Reports

Members considered the reports thought-provoking and to provide helpful suggestions including embedding training on academic good practice in courses and providing early formative feedback on students' writing. Concern was raised that use of Turnitin and similar systems can create a culture of distrust amongst students.

An additional meeting of the Committee to discuss academic integrity in detail was scheduled for 28 April 2022.

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28 January 2022