

QUALITY, ENHANCEMENT and STANDARDS COMMITTEE (QuEST)

Membership

Governor Members

Four Governor Members plus the Principal, and two Co-opted Members

Mr David Crawford (Chair)

Dr John Selby (Vice Chair)

Mr Chris Moody

Professor Ian Robinson

Principal

Co-opted Member

Dr. Beri Hare

Professor Ron Ritchie

Staff & Student Members in Attendance

Vice Principal (FE)

Vice Principal (HE)

Student Representative (FE)

Student Representative (HE)

Representatives from other areas of the College to be invited to attend for consultation as the agenda dictate.

Quorum

The Chair or nominated representative and one other governor.

The Principal

Vice Principal (FE) and Vice Principal (HE) or nominated representatives

50% of remaining members

Purpose:

To be responsible to the Corporation for the deliberation of the enhancement of the Colleges' approach to learning, teaching and assessment, the student experience and the maintenance of the Colleges' academic standards across both Further and Higher Education. Associate Faculty Board (HE) and FE Quality Review Board will report to this committee in line with the delegated responsibility discharged by Corporation.

Terms of Reference

1. Objectives.

- 1.1. To advise the Corporation on the educational character of the College and, in particular, major curriculum changes and enhancements that affect the educational character of the College.
- 1.2. Challenge and hold the Principal and senior staff to account for the enhancement of the quality of learning, the effectiveness of performance management systems and maintaining high standards.
- 1.3. To ensure that there are in place procedures: -
 - For the continuous review of the curriculum offered by the College.
 - For the analysis of market needs and post inspection reports and action plans.
 - The adjustment of the curriculum and its delivery to match and anticipate the needs of students, local employers and statutory regulations.
- 1.4. To enhance standards by setting targets and agreeing key performance indicators and by other measures which the Committee determines, such as benchmarks, each year for: -
 - Student retention.
 - Student success.
 - Distance travelled.
 - Student progression.
 - Teaching and learning
 - Graduate employment
- 1.5. To scrutinize the performance of different groups of learners and to ensure equality of outcomes for all groups.
- 1.6. To ensure that there is sufficiency of information about teaching, learning and assessment including lesson observation. To agree strategies and targets to enhance teaching, learning and assessment and the whole learner experience by sharing good practice.
- 1.7. To undertake critical engagement through monitoring the performance of the College as shown in the annual FE Self-Assessment Report and HE Annual Self-Evaluation report, and the action taken in response to the resultant action plans therein or any post-inspection report and action plans, and to recommend for approval by the Corporation.
- 1.8. To consider summary reports from (external) teaching and learning observations, external examiners and verifiers and professional statutory

regulatory bodies.

- 1.9. To consider reports on the effectiveness of staff appraisal and professional development and to recommend for approval by the Corporation an Annual Staff Development Report (including a summary of training and development undertaken and its impact)
- 1.10. To monitor the views of students about teaching, learning and assessment and college life from student surveys, student associations and meetings with students and to monitor the performance of actions taken to overcome areas identified for improvement.
- 1.11. To recommend for approval by the Corporation the relevant reports and statements to meet with statutory requirements, and to ensure that there are procedures for students and others to record complaints and opinions about any aspect of the Colleges services and effective processes within the College for examining any such complaints and to review brief details of such complaints and their resolution.
- 1.12. To review and advise the Corporation on the range and effectiveness of cross college activities and support functions.
- 1.13. To advise and make recommendations on all matters relating to the College's Quality Policies and their implementation in FE and HE.
- 1.14. To advise on other matters as requested by the Corporation; e.g. opportunity for enhancement, areas of outstanding or weak performance.
- 1.15. To report to the Corporation on an annual basis the calendar of work of "Link Governors"

2. Attendance at Meetings

- 2.1. All Corporation members shall have the right of attendance.

3. Frequency of Meetings

- 3.1. Meetings shall be held at least three times per academic year, normally once per term prior to Corporation Meetings.
- 3.2. Should it be considered necessary, the Chairman may ask the Clerk to the Corporation to convene a Committee Meeting at short notice.

4. Reporting Procedures

- 4.1. The Clerk to the Corporation will circulate action points from the meeting to members of the Committee.
- 4.2. A summary report will be presented to each meeting of the Corporation highlighting the key aspects of the preceding Quality Enhancement and Standards Committee Meeting.

Terms of Reference Approved by the Corporation 18th October 2000
Terms of Reference Approved by the Quality and Standards Committee 13th May 2002
Terms of Reference Approved by the Corporation 6th June 2002
Terms of Reference Approved by the Quality and Standards Committee 17th February 2003
Terms of Reference Approved by the Corporation 26th June 2003
Terms of Reference Approved by the Quality and Standards Committee 18th November 2004
Terms of Reference Approved by the Corporation 9th December 2004
Terms of Reference Approved by the Quality and Standards Committee 13th December 2007
Terms of Reference Approved by the Corporation 6th March 2008
Terms of Reference Approved by the Quality and Standards Committee 2nd July 2009
Terms of Reference Approved by the Corporation 14th July 2009 Membership
Approved by Corporation 14th October 2010
Terms of Reference Approved by the Quality and Standards Committee 23rd November 2010
Terms of Reference Approved by the Corporation 3rd March 2011 Co-opted Member
approved by Corporation 8th March 2012
Terms of Reference Approved by the Quality and Standards Committee 6th February 2013
Terms of Reference Approved by the Corporation 7th March 2013
Terms of Reference Approved by Quality and Standards Committee 17th September 2014
Terms of Reference Approved by Corporation 9th October 2014
Membership Approved by Search and Governance Committee 5th March 2015
Membership Approved by Corporation 25th March 2015
Membership Approved by Corporation 9th July 2015
Amendments recommended by Search and Governance Committee 3rd March 2016
Terms of Reference Approved by Corporation 30th March 2016.
Membership Approved by Corporation 13th October 2016