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In attendance: Ms Wendy Appleby; Ms Clare Goudy; Ms Sand

Received:

69A.2 At EDCOM 5/56 (13-14)

The implementation of a GPA would provide a better opportunity to address the issues raised.

The fourth year of the integrated Masters in Engineering might, however, benefit from the introduction of the proposals.

RESOLVED:

- 69B.5 That further consideration be given to the introduction of condonation for the fourth year of the integrated Masters in Engineering. **[Action: Professor Mike Ewing, Dr John Mitchell to note]**

70 AWARD OF MERIT [*EdCom Min.55, 13-14*]

Noted:

- 70.1 EdCom resolved to approve the UCLBE's recommendations in respect of the Merit and Distinction but had decreed that there be a 'cooling off period' until its next meeting on 19 June during which relevant colleagues would consider the implications

71 INTERRUPTIONS

Received:

- 71.1 At EDCOM 5/46 (13-14), a paper introduced by the Director of Student Administration, Mr David Ashton.

Reported:

- 71.2 EdCom was invited to consider, alongside a number of technical and administrative issues, whether arrangements currently in place were sufficient, whether a student should have access to teaching and learning materials whilst on interruption, whether responsibility for communicating with welfare and academic advisers should rest with the student and how far overall UCL should be considered responsible for students whilst on interruption.

Discussion:

- 71.3 The paper was welcomed as useful. EdCom approved the continued provision of support from Student Psychological Services for students interrupting for health reasons and endorsed the proposed update of the Interruption Form.
- 71.4 The Postgraduate Students' Officer advocated a phased return to study for students interrupting for health reasons.
- 71.5 The Director of Student Administration noted that continuity of care would not be available for Tier 4 Students.

RESOLVED:

- 71.6 That there be a follow up meeting between the Director of Student Administration and the Sabbatical Officers and a revised paper be submitted to EdCom's Autumn Term meeting. **[Action: Mr David Ashton]**

72 STUDY LEAVE

Received:

- 72.1 At EDCOM 5/47 (13-14), a paper introduced by the Director of Student Administration, Cnmaemtratdefte

73 EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES [EdCom Min.57, 13-14]

Noted:

- 73.1 On 1 May, EdCom resolved that a working group of EdCom be set up to look at the issues and implications in detail and re-submit proposals to EdCom. The group¹ met on 11 June 2014.

RESOLVED:

- 73.2 That owing to the fullness of the agenda, discussion of this item be deferred to EdCom's first Autumn Term meeting. **[Action: Ms Sandra Hinton to note]**

74 DRAFT MARKING POLICY [EdCom Min.58, 13-14]

Noted:

- 74.1 On 1 May, EdCom resolved that the policy should be re-submitted to EdCom on 19 June with agreed minor amendments.

RESOLVED:

- 74.2 That owing to the fullness of the agenda, discussion of this item be deferred to EdCom's first Autumn Term meeting. **[Action: Ms Sandra Hinton to note]**

75 CODE OF PRACTICE FOR GRADUATE TAUGHT DEGREES 2013-14 [EdCom Min.59, 13-14]

Received:

- 75.1 An oral report from the Director of Student Administration, Mr David Ashton.

Reported:

- 75.2 EdCom was invited to note that the Code of Practice would be re-titled 'Essential Information' (this being more consonant with the document's contents) and that it was in the process of being updated. A further iteration would be submitted to EdCom in due course. **[Action Mr David Ashton]**

Reported:

- 76.2 EdCom was invited to note that a final iteration of the Strategy and Implementation Plan would be submitted to EdCom's October 2014 meeting. In the meantime, comments were invited by email to the Director of Education Planning. **[Action Ms Clare Goudy]**

77 STUDENT EXPERIENCE FORUM – REPORT ON BME ATTAINMENT

Received:

- 77.1 At EDCOM 5/50 (13-14) - the report, introduced by Dr Teresa McConlogue, Senior Teaching Fellow, CALT, Ms Shanell Johnson, Black and Minority Ethnic Students' Officer, UCLU with Professor Alastair McClelland, Division of Psychology and Language Sciences.

Reported:

- 77.2 The paper concerned Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Student Attainment at UCL and had been commissioned following a conversation between the UCLU Black and Minority Ethnic Students' Officer, Ms Shanell Johnson and the Vice-Provost (Education) Professor Anthony Smith. BME student attainment across the HE sector in the UK had been found to be lower than that of their non-BME peers and a team had carried out an analysis of student attainment statistics at UCL, a literature review and some informal focus groups/interviews. The paper presented data and early findings from the research and contained a number of recommendations for EdCom's consideration. Many of the proposed actions fitted with planned work at UCL; for example, work on the Connected Curriculum aimed at embedding research-based education, led by the Vice-Provost (Education), would include a review of curricular diversity.

78 PROCEDURE FOR THE APPROVAL OF A NEW DEGREE QUALIFICATION

Received:

78.1 At EDCOM 5/51 (13-14), the procedure, introduced by the Regulations and Academic Programmes Manager and Secretary to PMASG, Ms Irenie Morley

RESOLVED:

78.2 That the procedure be recommended to AC's 3 July meeting for final approval.

[Action: Ms Sandra Hinton]

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