



Senate

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Present:

Professor Colin Bailey (Chair)	Professor Adrian Armstrong	Professor Adrian Bevan
Professor Victoria Bird	Professor Jo Brown	Dr Rafa Castrejon-Pita
Dr Giorgio Chianello	Professor Alex Clark	Dr Dianne Cooper
Professor Paul Coulthard	Dr Joseph Cronin	Dr Giulia De Falco
Dr Debbie De Girolamo	Professor Panos Deloukas	Dr Paula Fonseca
Dr Abimbola Giwa	Professor Neve Gordon	Professor Colin Grant
Professor Richard Grose	Sheila Gupta MBE	Professor Matthew Hilton
Professor Peter Hobson	Professor Henri Huijberts	Dr Jessica Jacobs
Dr Robert Janes	Bilge Kacmaz	Professor Martin Knight
Professor Steffi Krause	Dr Theo Kreouzis	Professor Andrew Livingston
Dr Philippa Lloyd	Professor Seán McConville	Professor Scott McCracken
Professor Wayne Joseph Morrison	Professor Mike Noon	Dr Michael Page
Professor Mauro Perretti	Professor Christina Perry	Professor Richard Pickersgill
Professor Thomas Prellberg	Dr Simon Rawlinson	Adi Sawalha
Professor Hazel Screen	Dr Prakash Shah	Saynab Sharif
Dr James Strong	Robert Leo Tucker	Dr Christopher Tyson
Professor Steve Uhlig	Professor Wen Wang	Professor Anthony Warrens

In attendance:

Professor Stefan Krummaker	Jonathan Morgan	Jane Pallant
Sarah Scott (Minutes)	Professor Tim Warner	Kaya Wiles

Apologies:

Dr Mark Baxendale	Dr Jason Berry	Dr Edo Boek
Professor Penny Green	Dr Judith Jones	Professor Irene Leigh
Professor Nicholas Lemoine	Professor Stephanie Marshall	Professor Jo Martin
Professor Anthony Michael	Professor Parvati Nair	Dr Ali Nankali
Professor Sandra Nicholson	Professor Alastair Owens	Dr Amitha Ranauta
Jane Reid	Professor Jason Sturgess	Professor Daniel Todman
Professor Ian Walden	Professor Fiona Walter	Professor David Williams

Part 1: Preliminary items

Welcome and Apologies

2021.001 The Chair welcomed new members to Senate and **noted** the apologies.

Minutes of the previous meeting (SE2021.01)

2021.002 Senate **confirmed** the minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2021.

Matters arising and Chair's actions (SE2021.02)

- 2021.003 Senate **noted** that the Professional Capability and Fitness to Practice Regulations and Committee membership had been approved by Chair's action.
- 2021.004 Senate **noted** that the term dates for 2026–27 had been approved by Chair's action.

Senate terms of reference and membership 2021–22 (SE2021.03)

- 2021.005 Members **noted** the terms of reference and membership for 2021–22. The following points were noted:
- (i) The terms of reference were unchanged from last year. The membership list had been updated to include the new members.
 - (ii) The membership list would be updated to change 'Dean for Taught Programmes' to 'Dean for Education'.
 - (iii) Senate **approved** its terms of reference and membership for 2021–22 subject to the above amendment.

President and Principal's report (SE2021.04)

- 2021.006 Senate **received** the President and Principal's report. The following points were noted:
- (i) Students had returned to campus for the start of the new academic year and had been welcomed by staff and the Students' Union. Halls of residence were fully booked for the academic year with over 2,500 students having moved into halls at the current time and staff were working hard to support students arriving from amber and red list countries.
 - (ii) Colleagues were thanked for their efforts in making Mixed Mode Education (MME) possible, and in supporting its continued success. Members **noted** that early issues with the implementation of the new technology had been resolved. Student assistants had been particularly helpful in supporting the resolution of technological issues.

Vice-Principals' Reports (SE2021.05a-h)

- 2021.007 Senate **received** and **noted** a report from the Vice-Principal (Health) (SE2021.05a).
- 2021.008 Senate **received** a report from the Vice-Principal and Executive Dean (Humanities and Social Sciences), (SE2021.05b). The following points were noted:
- (i) Senate congratulated Dr Martin O'Brien from the School of English and Drama who was a recipient of the 2021 Leverhulme Prize.
- 2021.009 Senate **received** and **noted** a report from the Vice-Principal and Executive Dean (Science and Engineering), (SE2021.05c).

- 2021.010 Senate **received** and **noted** a report from the Vice-Principal (Education) (SE2021.05d).
- 2021.011 Senate **received** and **noted** a report from the Vice-Principal (Policy and Strategic Partnerships), (SE2021.05e).
- 2021.012 Senate **received** and **noted** a report from the Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation), (SE2021.05f).
- 2021.013 Senate **received** and **noted** the report from the Vice-Principal (People, Culture and Inclusion), (SE2021.05g).
- 2021.014 Senate **received** and **noted** a report from the Vice-Principal (International), (SE2021.05h).

Students' Union President's report (SE2021.06)

- 2021.015 Senate **received** the Students' Union President's report. The following points were noted:
- (i) Welcome Week had been a success. There had been over 80 in person and online events, with over 10,500 entries recorded on campus.
 - (ii) Work would continue during 2021-22 on improving the representation structures for postgraduate research students.
 - (iii) The autumn elections were underway, and students could put themselves forward for over 400 positions; the majority of these were for Course Representative roles but there were also roles as National Union of Students (NUS) delegates, part-time officer positions and some roles for students based in Malta. QMSU had partnered with professional services and academic staff in schools and institutes to encourage students to put themselves forward for Course Representative roles.

Part 2: Matters for Discussion

Update on Sector Developments (SE2021.07)

- 2021.016 Senate **received** an update on sector developments. The following points were noted:
- (i) The Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill had reached the report stage in the House of Commons. Queen Mary would establish a working group to review the current Freedom of Speech Policy in line with the proposed amendments in legislation.
 - (ii) The Office for Students (OFS) had concluded the second phase of its consultation on regulating quality and standards in September 2021. This aspect of the consultation had focused on the qualitative aspects of the 'B' conditions of registration, and the next phase would focus on

student outcomes (condition B3) and the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF).

- (iii) The OFS had recently published the report of its review of spelling, punctuation and grammar in assessment.
- (iv) Senate agreed that it would be helpful to receive a monthly mailing on sector and policy developments that may be of interest to members.

Academic Assurance Report (SE2021.08)

2021.017 Senate **received** the draft Academic Assurance Report 2020-2021. The following points were noted:

- (i) Members **noted** the report of the external member of the Degree Examination Board (Appendix C) that had endorsed Queen Mary's approach to assessment and award during the Covid-19 pandemic. The report had observed that Queen Mary, in common with all higher education institutions, would need to reflect on how it would articulate its approach during 2020 and 2021 in its Degree Outcomes Statement. Members noted that a thorough analysis of student outcomes would take place once the data was available, and this analysis would feed into the Degree Outcomes Statement which would in turn be reviewed by Senate and Council before publication.
- (ii) Senate **approved** the draft Academic Assurance Report 2020–21 for submission to Council.

Part 3: Matters for Report

Approval of membership and terms of reference for sub-boards of Senate for 2021–22 (SE2021.09)

2021.018 Senate **approved** the membership and terms of reference for sub-boards of Senate for 2021–22.

Indicative annual business plan for 2021–22* (SE2021.10)

2021.019 Senate **approved** the annual indicative business plan for 2021–22.

Council business themes* (SE2021.11)

2021.020 Senate **noted** the Council Business themes for 2021–22.

Taught Programmes Board* (SE2021.12)

2021.021 Senate **noted** the proposals relating to programme and module academic developments considered by the Taught Programmes Board between 03 June and 15 September 2021.

Education Quality and Standards Board* (SE2021.13)

2021.022 Senate **noted** the executive summary of the Education Quality and Standards Board meetings held on 20 July and 29 September 2021.

Research Degrees Programmes and Examinations Board* (SE2021.14)

2021.023 Senate **noted** the executive summary of the business considered by the Research Degrees Programmes and Examinations Board at meetings held between June and September 2021.

Ethics of Research Committee* (SE2021.15)

2021.024 Senate **noted** the executive summary of the Ethics of Research Committee meeting held on 14 July 2021.

Partnerships Board* (SE2021.16)

2021.025 Senate **noted** the executive summary of business considered by the Partnerships Board between 5 May and 28 September 2021.

Part 4: Other matters

Dates of future meetings

Senate meetings for 2021–22:

- Thursday 16 December 2021, 15:00–17:00 hours
- Thursday 17 March 2022, 15:00–17:00 hours
- Thursday 16 June 2022, 15:00–17:00 hours