



Senate

Paper Title	Education Quality and Standards Board: Executive Summary
Outcome requested	The Senate is asked to note the summary.
Points for Senate members to note and further information	<p>A high-level summary of the Education Quality and Standards Board (EQSB) meeting held on 26 January 2022.</p> <p>For fuller details on any of the points mentioned, including full papers and minutes, members are directed to the EQSB QMplus page: https://qmplus.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=6851</p>
Questions for Senate to consider	None
Regulatory/statutory reference points	
Strategy and risk	
Reporting/consideration route for the paper	Senate only.
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APPROVED the minutes of the November 2021 meeting without amendment.

NOTED that Chair's action had been taken twice, to approve non-standard term dates for the January 2022-start MSc Economics (Apprenticeship Programme), and to endorse proposals for a new PGR award of ResM.

NOTED updates on action points, which included work to: explore possibilities for a standardised third term in the academic calendar; consider approaches to develop a more detailed and accessible central repository of module specifications; establish a sub-board of the EQSB with responsibility for assessment matters.

NOTED an update from the Chair, covering education leadership, teaching, learning and assessment, student surveys, the Queen Mary Academy, the OfS and other regulatory matters, and student engagement.

APPROVED terms of reference for Education Committees (formerly 'Teaching and Learning Committees'). These would take effect from 2022-23 but could be adopted earlier where Committees wished to do so.

CONSIDERED a proposal to formally define what constituted "significant overlap of study" (preventing a new application for the programme with overlap) in the admissions policies. A figure of 25 per cent was proposed; the Board endorsed that value but did not approve it, asking for additional details and a justification. This will be reconsidered at a future meeting.

CONSIDERED the annual report on academic misconduct, noting that there had been a 77 per cent increase in cases since 2019-20, following an increase of 67 per cent the previous year. In two years, cases had roughly trebled, from 375 to 1,112. The Board expressed its concerns and agreed to establish a group to directly address contributing factors. Actions would include a wide-ranging review of assessment design and an additional focus on educating students in good academic practices, including the development of a short online course for all students. The report also appears on the March 2022 Senate agenda.

NOTED that the OfS had launched three consultations, with a deadline of 17 March. A group had been established to coordinate responses. The consultations addressed (i) regulation of student outcomes, (ii) the TEF (which it was anticipated would recommence by September 2022), and (iii) detailed proposals for the construction, presentation and interpretation of data about the student lifecycle that, if approved, would inform the OfS' regulatory approaches and underpin the data-based elements of the other consultations.

NOTED update reports from the QMSU Faculty Vice-Presidents.

CONSIDERED a paper addressing the issue of timetabling on Fridays with respect particularly to the 1300-1400 slot and also to the afternoon more generally, where some students had religious obligations. The Board agreed that a group with student, academic

and professional services representation would meet to discuss the issues further, including a detailed options analysis.

APPROVED eight additional QM Extra activities.

APPROVED a set of principles for the withdrawal of stock from Queen Mary's libraries.