



ASTON UNIVERSITY

THE SENATE

LEARNING AND TEACHING COMMITTEE

COLLABORATIVE PROVISION STRATEGY GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2018

Present: Dr Fiona Lacey (Chair)
Dr Virginie Grzelczyk, Mr Lee Jenkins, , Ms Bhavisha Patel, Dr Suki Phull (for Dr Oliver), Ms Wendy Tabrizi, Ms Heather Whitehouse, Ms Lesley Price (Secretary)
Apologies: Professor Frank Austermuehl, Ms Alison Davies, Dr Odette Hutchinson, Dr Shehzad Naroo, Dr Trevor Oliver,
In Attendance: Ms Joanne Birkinshaw

MEMBERSHIP

18/27 RESOLVED:

That Joanne Birkinshaw be welcomed to the Group.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

18/28 RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of 31 January (AU-CPSG-17-1046-A) be approved.

MATTERS ARISING

Muscat University

18/29 NOTED:

That approval of delivery of BEng Chemical Engineering would be considered in May and that a report would be brought to the next meeting.

Agenda

Working Group on TNE Review

18/30 REPORTED:

That the table 'Indicative information required for TNE review' was circulated to Schools, in order to identify where information was located within Schools.

18/31 CONSIDERED:

The table updated with responses received so far.

18/32 RESOLVED:

That the remaining respondents be urged to respond by 4 May 2018. ABS, EAS

CHAIR'S ACTION

18/33 RATIFIED:

The action of the Chair in approving:

- New process documents for Articulation and Progression arrangements (now on web)
- Articulation into BSc Accounting for Management from North East Forestry University, China
- Withdrawal of double degree with Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland, MA Emerging Europe in a Global Perspective
- Cotutelle with Reykjavik University, Iceland.

18/34 NOTED:

That the arrangement with Jagiellonian University was withdrawn as it had not recruited any students and that this was because it had not proved to be financially advantageous to the partner.

OFFICE FOR STUDENTS: THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK AND REGISTRATION

18/35 CONSIDERED:

A paper from the Director of Quality Assurance and Enhancement setting out conditions of registration and behaviours that indicate compliance in relation to collaborative provision, AU-CPSG-17-1161-A.

18/36 NOTED:

That there is a direct link between the work done by staff involved in collaborative arrangements and the University remaining on the OfS register.

REGISTER OF COLLABORATIVE PROVISION AND PENDING PROPOSALS

18/37 CONSIDERED:

- The register of existing collaborative provision (public-facing), AU-CPSG-17-1162-A;
- The register of existing collaborative provision (internal only), including running out arrangements, AU-CPSG-17-1163-A;
- The list of current proposals pending, AU-CPSG-17-1164-A;
- A report of a PSAP for MSc PIXNET and MSc SMARTNET, AU-CPSG-17-1166-A.

18/38 REPORTED:

1. That recruitment had been suspended to the two programmes (with Rennes and Lille) in LSS for which agreements had run out and were awaiting renewal. Renewal was expected soon, but had been delayed by changes in staffing at the partners and at Aston and by requests for changes to agreements from the legal department at Bamberg;
2. That there had been an error in the process for signing off the agreement for MSc PIXNET, such that the agreement had been signed by the wrong signatory before approval. This was being investigated by EAS, but all members were again asked to note that agreements can only be signed after proposals are fully approved and only by the Deputy Vice Chancellor and Provost, or her nominee;
3. That the pending proposal for a new degree apprenticeship pathway for BSc Digital and Technology Solutions involved a partner, CILEx Law School, and would be the University's first degree apprenticeship to have sub-contracting arrangements. As such, a Collaborative Programme Panel would be held to consider the arrangement, which would also require the University to establish an inspection regime for degree apprenticeship partners.

ALL

18/39 RESOLVED:

1. That the MA Conflict and Security with Prague be moved to the section on shared provision rather than dual provision in the register ;
2. That Mr Lee Jenkins and/or Mr Steve Luke be invited to the panel event, in view of their experience of working with partners in similar arrangements;
3. That members be reminded to ensure that the registers and list of pending proposals be brought to School Senior Management Team meetings for consideration and checking.

Secretary

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COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMME DIRECTORS' WORKSHOP

18/40 RESOLVED:

1. That a half day workshop should be held to support the work of new and existing collaborative programme directors and programme directors taking on responsibility for collaborative arrangements in relation to Aston based programmes, such as exchange double degrees or articulations, partnership coordinators and other relevant staff;
2. That the event should be arranged before the end of the current academic year, probably in the first half of June, and should have an emphasis on the operational requirements for collaborative arrangements, be informal and allow for discussion across the Schools.

Chair and
Secretary

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DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

18/25 RECEIVED:

- Notes of the Degree Apprenticeship Strategy Group meetings held on 18 September 2017 (AU-CPSG-17-0967-A) and 25 October 2017 (AU-CPSG-17-0968-A);
- Paper, AU-CPSG-17-0969-A, showing proposals for Degree Apprenticeships.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

18/26 REPORTED:

That the next meetings of the Group would be on:

- Monday 23 April 2018, 10:30am, SW407;
- Monday 4 June 2018, 14:00pm, SW407.

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