

Education Committee (Student Experience) Terms of Reference

Remit:	
<p>The Education Committee (Student Experience) shall, subject to the powers of Academic Council, act as guardian of the University’s Education Strategy by having ownership of, and responsibility for, the development and implementation of each of the strands contained within the strategy, while also horizon scanning, forward planning and developing new initiatives as the strategy adapts over the lifecycle. As such, the Committee will focus on the strands of a transformative student experience, an education for societal impact and enhancing the learning experience.</p>	
Alignment to University Objectives/Core Enabling Projects:	
<p><u>Strategic Objectives</u></p> <p>Education and Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-imagine educational pathways to improve student engagement, attainment and achievement. • Improve the student experience through developing inclusive and supportive transition and retention practice. <p>Global Reputation and Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve Queen’s position in key global rankings as the proxy for global reputation. • Develop, strengthen & enhance partnerships in research, education & civic engagement. <p>Research and Innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance research culture to enable delivery of high-quality research <p>Civil and Social Responsibility and Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embed Queen’s status as a Civic University and anchor institution • Enhance Queen’s local, national and international reputation. 	<p><u>Core Enabling Projects</u></p> <p>Financial Stability</p> <p>Strategic Student Number Planning</p> <p>Physical and Digital Infrastructure</p>
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<p><u>Recommendations</u></p> <p>To make recommendations for endorsement by Academic Council and approval by Senate regarding:</p> <p>(i) An annual assurance report on the actions taken to ensure the continuous improvement of the student academic experience and student outcomes.</p> <p>To make recommendations to Academic Council for the consideration and approval of:</p> <p>(ii) Education Strategy, and other related strategies. (iii) Education policies, objectives, delivery mechanisms and governance structures regarding the student learning experience that are informed by Strategy 2030 and related strategic documents.</p> <p><u>Consideration and/or Approval</u></p> <p>To consider, discuss and/or grant approval of:</p>	

- (i) Education and student learning experience and engagement matters relating to the University, including any matter referred to it by the Academic Council, or for recommendation to the Academic Council/Senate.
- (ii) The development, implementation, co-ordination and evaluation of procedures, and initiatives regarding:
 - a. The Education Strategy, and other related strategies, policies and objectives.
 - b. Tracking, monitoring and supporting student experience and outcomes (e.g. assessment, progression, retention and employment) across all levels and with consideration given to a range of protected characteristics.
 - c. The enhancement of all aspects of student learning, experience and engagement for example student well-being and careers and employability.
 - d. Enabling systems to support the creation of a fully inclusive student community for example the Partnership Project, Student Voice Committees, Personal Tutoring, Student Wellbeing, degree plus and Academic Board.
- (iii) Actions in response to student conduct, and student complaints matters.
- (iv) Rules for specified prizes, scholarships and awards conferred by the Student Scholarships and Awards Group.
- (v) The delegation of any of its functions as it may, from time to time determine, to groups appointed by the Education Committee (Student Experience), including the establishment of subgroups, working groups, task and finish groups and advisory groups, as appropriate, to advise and report on any of the above matters.
- (vi) Reports from, actions of, and recommendations made by subgroups, task and finish groups and other bodies (e.g. Faculty Education Committees) as derived from the implementation of the Education Strategy and related strategies, policies and procedures.

Delegation

To delegate authority on the following:

To Faculties, Schools and Professional Services:

- (i) Decisions arising from the implementation of the Education Strategy and student learning experience procedures, specified by the Education Committee (Student Experience).

To the Student Scholarships and Awards Group:

- (i) The development, implementation, co-ordination and evaluation of procedures, and initiatives regarding specified prizes, scholarships and awards conferred by the Student Scholarships and Awards Group.
- (ii) The approval of rules governing the terms, value and tenure of awards conferred by Faculties and Schools.

Membership:

Chair:	Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Education and Students	Professor Judy Williams
Deputy Chair:	Vice-President, Student and Corporate Services	Caroline Young
Members:	Dean of Graduate School <i>AHSS Representatives</i> Transition & Retention Rep & Dean of Education Dean of Graduate Studies History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics Law Social Sciences, Education and Social Work <i>EPS Representatives</i> Dean of Education Associate Dean of Education Maths and Physics Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering	Professor Colin McCoy Professor Robin Hickey Professor Jannette Elwood Professor Crawford Gribben Dr Victoria Barnes Dr Paul McCafferty Professor Phil Hanna Dr Andy McDowell Dr Gleb Gribakin Dr Charlie McCartan

	<i>MHLS Representatives</i> Dean of Education Biological Sciences Nursing and Midwifery Biological Sciences	Professor Karen Morrison Professor Ciaren Graham Professor Donna Fitzsimons Professor Alberto Longo
	Director of Academic Services Director of Student and Campus Experience Assistant Director, Digital & Information Services Head of Academic Affairs Head of the Centre for Educational Development Head of Careers, Employability and Skills Head of Admissions and Access Service Head of Student Affairs Head of Student Services and Systems Head of Library Services	Maria Lee Liz McLaughlin David Robinson Dr Michelle Spence Dr Claire Dewhirst Trevor Johnston Roisin McAvoy Helen McNeely Paul Morgan Jane O'Neill
	Students' Union President Students' Union Education Officer Students' Union Postgraduate Officer Students' Union Equality and Diversity Officer	Kieran Minto Eli McBriarty Amy Smith Suyi Yang
In attendance:	University staff as required	
Quorum:	Nine members with at least one member from each Faculty	
Serviced by:	Centre for Educational Development	
Reports to:	Academic Council and University Management Board	
Receives reports from:	Student Scholarships and Awards Group, and as prescribed within the Education and Skills Strategy and related procedures	

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