

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

**Academic Quality and Standards Committee**

There will be a meeting of the Academic Quality and Standards Committee on Wednesday 17 November 2004 at 9.30am in the Council Chamber, University House.

C E Charlton  
University Secretary

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Items marked # are for discussion. Other items will not be discussed unless requested by a member of the Committee. Members wishing to mark an item for discussion are asked to notify the Secretary prior to the meeting.

**SECOND CIRCULATION AGENDA**

#6. Credit

TO CONSIDER:

- (a) Issues relating to the differential credit tariffs used throughout the University, raised specifically by the departments of Economics and Statistics, paper AQSC 23/04-05 (previously circulated).
- (b) **A memorandum from Professor M Devereux, Department of Economics, proposing changes to the credit weightings for modules on the MSc in Economics, paper AQSC 29/04-05 (copy attached).**

#8. Report from the Quality Enhancement Working Group

- (b) HEFCE Teaching Quality Enhancement & Professional Standards Funding

TO REPORT:

- (i) That confirmation has been received from the HEFCE that the bid submitted by the University to the HEFCE for an extension to existing Teaching Quality Enhancement Funding for 2005-06 and for funding for Professional Standards work for 2004-05 and 2005-06 has been successful;
- (ii) That consideration has been given by the e-Learning Steering Group and the Quality Enhancement Working Group to means of administering the challenge funds intended to be awarded to departments for e-Learning projects on a competitive basis; monitoring the progress of projects and carrying out appropriate evaluation.

TO CONSIDER:

The University's bid for TQEF and Professional Standards Funding, together with the proposed criteria by which departmental e-Learning bids will be adjudicated, paper AQSC 26/04-05 (copy attached).

22. Academic Satisfaction Review

TO REPORT:

That the Board of Undergraduate Studies at its meeting held on 10 November considered the Academic Satisfaction Review: 'The undergraduate student experience' for the academic year 2003/04 (paper BUGS 4/04-05) and recommended:

- (a) That departments be asked to note the significance of the Review as an alternative to being obliged to co-operate with the HEFCE National Student Survey, and be invited to consider allocating part of a lecture slot to allowing students to complete future Review surveys and/or to allow student Faculty representatives to speak about the Review;
- (b) That if the allocation of part of a lecture slot were not possible, departments be asked to promote the Review within the department by other means.

Minute 11/04-05 (unconfirmed)

#23. Pass Degree Regulations

TO REPORT:

That the Board of Undergraduate Studies, at its meeting held on 10 November, received a memorandum from the Senior Assistant Registrar (Teaching Quality) addressed to the Secretaries of the Faculty Boards concerning the alignment of departmental practice with University policy in relation to the award of Pass degrees (paper BUGS 14/04-05), considered the reports of the Boards of the Faculties of Arts, Science and Social Studies concerning the award of Pass degrees (paper BUGS 15/04-05), and recommended that the recommendations of the Boards of the Faculties concerning credit loads for the award of Pass degrees and routes for Pass candidates to be reinstated to Honours be approved as set out in paper BUGS 15/04-05.

Minute 12/04-05 (unconfirmed)

TO CONSIDER:

The recommendations of the Boards of the Faculties concerning credit loads for the award of Pass degrees and routes for Pass candidates to be reinstated to Honours be approved as set out in paper BUGS 15/04-05 (copy attached).

#24. Provision of Sick Notes for Absent Students

TO CONSIDER:

A letter from Dr Clare Boothroyd, Waterside Medical Centre, Leamington Spa, asking that lecturers refrain from insisting on a sick note for every student absence from the University, paper AQSC 28/04-05 (copy attached).

