



TEACHING & LEARNING COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2018

Report: Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27 June 2018
Action: Approve
Status: Open

Present: David Mitchell (Chair)
Nick Hurn
Christine Jones

In attendance: Darren Heathcote
Tracy Foreman
John Gray
Andrew Robson
Kevin Marston
David Jackson
Emma Moody (Clerk)

T/201 Chair's Welcome / Apologies / Conflicts of Interest

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from the Principal / CEO and Chris Toon.

T/202 Minutes of the last meeting dated 25 April 2018

Members noted that a couple of parts of the meeting still required completion and the Clerk endeavored to follow this up with Sally Cooper after the meeting. The minutes would then be presented to the Chair for signature at the next meeting.

T/203 Matters arising

It was noted that there was a paper on the ESF funding which would be presented separately to Corporate Services, Business Committee and to the Board.

T/204 T Level Report

T Level Qualification Reform paper – presented by the Assistant Principal – Curriculum and Innovation.

It was noted that the reform paper was intended to reduce complexity and also reduce the number of potential qualifications under this framework. The intention was for core qualification content to be set by a smaller number of awarding bodies.

A member asked about diversity within different pathways and the Assistant Principal – Curriculum and Innovation confirmed that each pathway would then have a specialist core unit sitting behind it.

It was noted that the document was still under consultation. The College had been approached to be an early adopter from 2020 and had been accepted to be an earlier adopter in both education and digital spheres.

The Chair of the Committee asked what the sector reaction had been to the proposals and it was confirmed that it had generally been a positive reaction. A member commented that he thought the new routes may lead to confusion in the market place and it was confirmed that there would have to be education given to different stakeholders as to the correct pathways for learners.

The Clerk questioned how the College would resource the early adoption of the T Levels bearing in mind the significant amount of funding required and suggested that Corporate Services Committee note this separately as an interested Committee. This was agreed.

The paper was noted.

T/205 Careers Report

The national careers strategy paper was presented by the Learning Services Manager and Tracy Foreman (Assistant Principal).

It was confirmed that once the tool being prepared to collect destination data was in final form, the College would be ready to undertake this work. The audit of this process will identify any potential gaps that the College needs to be aware of.

The Chair of the Committee asked if advice would be available to students before they make their choices as to their ultimate destination and it was confirmed that this would indeed be the case.

The Committee was asked to approve the Chair as the lead governor for this initiative and the Committee provided its approval thereof.

The Director of Student Services left the meeting at 4:45pm together with Darren Heathcote.

T/206 2017/18 Performance (year to date)

The report was presented by the Assistant Principal – Standards & Performance.

It was confirmed that these are the final estimates for the year in question.

The Chair of the Committee asked why some outcomes were lower than forecasted and it was confirmed that a small number of learners can impact on the final figures and therefore the distortion was not reflective of the reality.

The Clerk suggested that future reports of this nature would be helped by RAG rating to make it clearer for Committee members to see the direction of travel on any particular area of the data. If there are reasons for anomalies, then this should be included in footnotes so that the Committee can see those at a glance.

The Chair of the Committee also commented that it would be helpful to see how accurate the figures were when you look back at what was presented to the Committee in November.

The Report was duly noted.

T/207 Teaching & Learning Report

The report was presented by the Head of Teaching and Learning.

The Report was duly noted.

T/208 Higher Education Report Performance 2017/18 (year to date)

The report was presented by the Assistant Principal – Standards & Performance.

The Chair of the Committee asked what this information would be used for. It was confirmed that it would be used to look at trends and for the purpose of feeding through into predicted achievement rates and outcomes. It was important for governors to be able to understand how this information contributed to other information already available and collected by the College in relation to HE provision.

T/209 Any Other Business

It was noted that this would be Christine Jones' last meeting as she was resigning from the Board. The Committee noted its thanks to Christine for her contribution to this Committee and its work.

T/210 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 10 October 2018 at 3pm