

**LTC15D017**

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**Issue**

An update on Partnerships Office activity from June to October 2015.

**Recommendation**

The Learning and Teaching Committee is asked to note the Partnerships Office activity from June to October 2015.

**Resource Implications**

Not applicable.

**Equality and Diversity**

Not applicable.

**Further Information**

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**Background**

The Learning and Teaching Committee receives a report at every meeting providing an update on Partnerships Office activity.

## Discussion

### 1. QUALITY ASSURANCE AND QUALITY ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY

#### 1.1 Staff studying for a UEA Award

There are currently 9 members of staff at partner institutions registered on UEA awards as follows:

- Postgraduate Research – 8
- Masters – 1

### 2. PARTNER VALIDATION / REVALIDATION EVENTS – 2014/15

#### 2.1 Number of events

Thirty eight events were planned for 2014-15. Six events were cancelled or postponed, meaning that thirty two events took place.

Two of the events were Institutional Reviews, which took place at Suffolk New College and Easton&Otley College. Both reviews resulted in approval for a further five years. One of the events was an Institutional Validation at The Royal Marsden School which resulted in approval for five years.

Three new courses put forward for approval by UCS were not validated.

#### 2.2 Validation/Revalidation themes

Examples of some of the conditions and recommendations made at the events are:

##### **Conditions:**

- Tidy/update documentation (e.g. amending typos and omissions in programme specifications, student handbooks and module specifications)
- Ensure that updated student handbooks are included in documentation
- Ensure that assessment schedules are readily available to students
- Refine the wording of the learning outcomes to ensure they reflect the appropriate academic levels

##### **Recommendations:**

- Continue to review the assessment strategy and timeliness of feedback to students
- Continue to develop careers advice for all students
- Investigate ways for better marketing the programme to ensure sustained recruitment
- Continue the development of and promotion of opportunities for students to take part in educational field trips, including publishing information on previous trips.
- Review the use of formative assessment
- Provide detail of progression routes
- Give further consideration to the programme/course title
- The embedding of relevant industry and/or professional qualifications in the validated provision.

### 3. **INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS**

The following new international partnership agreements have been finalised since May 2015 and copies are held in Partnerships Office:

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Agreement Type</b>
Soran University	Iraq	General MOU
Presidency University	India (Kolkata)	Agreement of Cooperation (Arts)
Chiang Mai University	Thailand	General MOU (Pharmacy)

A number of other agreements are currently in draft form and will be reported at the next LTC the majority of which focus on agreements with universities in those countries highlighted in the UEA international strategy, China, Japan, India, Malaysia and the United States and Canada.

Following a visit from a delegation from Ocean University, China discussions are underway concerning an articulation agreement with ENV.

### 4. **UNIVERSITY CAMPUS SUFFOLK**

#### 4.1. Joint Academic Committee

The next meeting of the Committee will take place on 4 November 2015. Minutes will be reported to the next meeting.

### 5. **CITY COLLEGE NORWICH**

#### 5.1 Joint Board of Study

The minutes of the meeting of the Board was held on 26 June 2015 are available to view at:

<https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/9713173/14m003/71787074-0c0f-47b0-98de-fb859f44d2a6>

#### 5.2 Higher Education Review

The outcome report from the QAA Higher Education Review that took place in December 2014 has now been published and is available to view at:

<http://www.qaa.ac.uk/reviews-and-reports/provider?UKPRN=10004772#.VhOinhA1iUI>

### 6. **EASTON&OTLEY COLLEGE**

#### 6.1 Joint Board of Study

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 17 June 2015 are available to view at:

<https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/9713088/EOCJBOS14M003-+combined+Minutes.pdf/e37fdbfc-3cb0-4461-9b84-d761978c8e1d>

## **7. MOUNTVIEW ACADEMY OF THEATRE ARTS**

### **7.1 Joint Board of Study**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 21 July 2015 are available to view at:

<https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/9749908/14M003/83484e92-2213-455d-ba95-e7d5ea6a89c7>

## **8. INTO UEA NORWICH**

### **8.1 Joint Board of Study**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2015 are available to view at:

<https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/9749297/INTOJBOS14M003+-+Minutes+-+FINAL+-+Combined.pdf/3de3cbe1-ada8-4532-839e-3b45dc39aed7>

## **9. INTO LONDON**

### **9.1 London Academy of Diplomacy**

Progress against the INTO London Withdrawal Action Plan for Management of Validated Provision remains on schedule.

## **10. INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE STUDIES, GUERNSEY**

### **10.1 Joint Committee**

The minutes of the Committee held on 14 July are available to view at:

<https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/9756604/IHSCSJC14M003+-+Minutes+-+Combined.pdf/7630b750-eb46-497c-a7cb-a1186a269c29>

## **11. ROYAL MARSDEN SCHOOL**

### **11.1 Programme commencement**

The first cohort of students on UEA validated programmes commenced in September 2015.

### **11.2 Joint Board of Study**

The first meeting of the Board was held on 1 October 2015. Minutes will be reported to the next meeting.