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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000– Information request (ref: FOI_19-097)

We have now considered your request of 28 March 2019 for information relating to the recording of lectures/seminars and policies on students “buying in” assessments and reports of such misconduct.

Our response is on page 2 of this letter, together with a copy of your request.

We hope this information will meet your requirements, however if you are not satisfied you have the right of appeal. If you wish to appeal, please set out in writing your reasons for appealing and send to the above address. You must appeal within 40 working days of the date of this letter. In line with section 5.3 of the UK Government’s Freedom of Information Act Code of Practice, we are not obliged to accept internal reviews after this date.

You also have a subsequent right of appeal to the Information Commissioner’s Office. Further information is available on their website:

https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us, or by telephone on 0303 123 1113.

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Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_19-097)

1) Has the institution, or any of its schools or departments, introduced any policies requiring staff to record lectures and/or seminars using digital recording (audio and/or visual) equipment? I would be grateful if you could also include policies where staff can opt-out of recording requirements.

No.

2) If the institution, school or department has introduced any of the policies described above, has it observed any change in attendance at lectures and/or seminars since the policy was introduced? If possible, I would be grateful if you could include attendance figures from the academic year before the policy was introduced, compared to attendance figures from the academic year after the policy was introduced.

Not applicable – see response to question 1 above.

3) Has the institution made any assessment of the effect of such policies on its ability to meet immigration and visa compliance obligations, as set out by the Home Office and other relevant enforcement bodies?

Not applicable – see response to question 1 above.

4) Does the institution, or any of its schools or departments, have policies in place to identify students who are “buying in” bespoke essays, assignments and other coursework from outside?

The University's plagiarism and collusion policy can be found here:

<https://portal.uea.ac.uk/documents/6207125/7465906/Section+3+Plagiarism+and+Collusion.pdf>

5) How many students has the institution identified who are “buying in” such coursework in the last reporting year?

Zero.

6) What proportion of students described at (5) are International Students?

Not applicable – see response to question 5 above.