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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000– Information request (ref: FOI_19-227)

We have now considered your request of 19 July 2019 for information relating to decolonising of the curriculum.

Our response is on page 2-3 of this letter, together with a copy of your request and in the accompanying document, FOI_19-227 Appendix A.

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_19-227)

*1.1 Has the university taken steps to decolonise any of its curricula? (See note below. *)*

**N.B. Decolonising the curriculum means adopting a strategy to address the underrepresentation of non-white and non-Western ideas and academics in education; to reform Euro-centric curricula to remedy the selective narrative of traditional academia – which frames the West and white men as the sole producers of universal knowledge*

Yes.

1.2 If so, which courses and faculties/schools/departments are involved in this process?

All courses, Faculties and Schools at UEA are required to engage in the process in cooperation with the University's Learning and Teaching Services (LTS).

1.3 Has the university set out in writing its commitment to decolonise its curricula? If so please provide a copy of this document and/or a relevant web link.

Yes. The 'Inclusive Education Policy' for UEA is within accompanying document FOI_19-227 Appendix A.

2.1 Does the university have a member of staff and/or team, e.g. a network or working party, who is responsible for decolonising all of or any of its curricula?

Yes.

2.2 If so, what is their job title or the name of the team?

The Academic Director of Widening Participation.

2.3 To whom in the university does this person or team report to?

The Pro Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs.

2.4 If no member/s of staff hold such responsibility does a member of the student union hold such a role? What is their job title?

Not applicable.

3.1 Over the past five academic year (2014-15 to 2018-19) has the university repaid (part or all of) any student's or students' course fees after they made complaints of racism about other students or members of staff?

No.

3.2 If so, how many students received course fee reimbursements after making complaints of racism?

Not applicable.

3.3 What was the total amount of course fees reimbursed to these students? (The aggregate amount paid to all students over the past five years.)

Not applicable.