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Programme Design Development and Approval*

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1 Introduction

QAA UK Quality Code for Higher Education

This report sets the context for the supporting mapping documentation for B1: Programme Design Development and Approval and forms part of the whole university exercise in engaging with the Quality Code.

Chapter Expectation:

Higher education providers, in discharging their responsibilities for setting and maintaining academic standards and assuring and enhancing the quality of learning opportunities, operate effective processes for the design, development and approval of programmes.

2. The Process

A B1 working group was established under a chapter champion. The members of the group were:

- Mr Gavin Tash, Chapter Champion (Senior Partnerships Manager)
- Dr Sara Connolly (NBS)
- Dr Sanna Inthorn (FTM)
- Mrs Melanie Steele (Senior PGR Manager)
- Ms Julia Jones (LTS)
- Mr Stephen Knock (Partnerships Manager)
- Mr Anthony Moore (Student Union Support Worker)

A student member was nominated but did not attend any of the meetings.

This mapping exercise was focussed around ensuring sound quality assurance to maintain high academic standards and the document, therefore, records the following:

- evidence of compliance where the Group was satisfied that current processes meet The Expectation and Indicators
- action points where the Group identified opportunities for quality enhancement.
- responsibilities for action points

3 Implementation at UEA

The mapping document (Appendix 1) shows that the indicators are currently being met. Actions that have been identified relate to identification opportunities for quality enhancement over and above the requirements of the Code.

In mapping criteria related to professional statutory and regulatory bodies (PSRBs), the evidence required to demonstrate compliance with each individual's body's requirements is so extensive that a case study approach has been applied to provide detailed evidence of meeting the requirements of two PSRBs in the development of the BSc Paramedic Sciences programme.

The chapter champion has also liaised with Angelina Bingley, Director of Admissions Recruitment and Marketing, who is working on developing a more stringent business case requirement to be completed at the initial stages of the programme development process. Some of the actions included in the mapping refer to this work.

4 Implementation at Partner Colleges

For all parts of the QAA Quality Code individual partners are working through the expectations and indicators, using it as an opportunity to instigate enhancement in addition to demonstrating compliance. The progress of partners is reported through the individual Joint Boards of Studies.

5 Conclusion

The conclusion of the group was that the indicators were currently being met and any actions identified were to address quality enhancement opportunities rather than address deficiencies in terms of meeting the requirements of the code.

6 Attachments

Appendix 1- QAA Quality Code Chapter B1 Mapping Document