

**LTC14D020**

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**Issue**

An update on Partnerships Office activity from June to October 2014.

**Recommendation**

The Learning and Teaching Committee is asked to note the Partnerships Office activity from June to October 2014.

**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 12 members of staff at partner institutions registered on UEA awards as follows:

- Postgraduate Research – 8
- Masters – 4

### 2. PARTNER VALIDATION / REVALIDATION EVENTS – 2013/14

#### 2.1 Number of events

38 events were planned for 2013-14. Five events were cancelled or postponed, meaning that 33 events took place.

Two of the events were Institutional Reviews, which took place at City College Norwich and Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts. Both reviews resulted in approval for a further five years.

Two 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)
- Clarify admissions criteria and progression opportunities
- Articulate the distinction between the FdA and BA
- Refine the wording of the learning outcomes to ensure they reflect the appropriate academic levels
- Clarify how add-on modules can be made accessible to all students and delivered within the requirements of the Norfolk Regulatory Framework or outside of the credit bearing provision

##### **Recommendations:**

- Continue to review the assessment strategy and timeliness of feedback to students
- Continue to explore links with the profession to enable work experience opportunities for students during studies and after graduation
- Investigate ways for better marketing the programme to ensure sustained recruitment
- Development a strategy for service user and carer involvement in the design and delivery of the programmes
- Explore whether a safeguarding qualification could be embedded within the course

### **3. INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS**

- 3.1 A special meeting of the International Executive was held on 26 September 2014 to discuss options for UEA's future direction internationally and in turn inform development of the new corporate plan. The next meeting of the International Executive will be held on 22 October 2014 which will further develop these discussions. An update will be provided in the next LTC report.

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

#### 4.1. Joint Academic Committee

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 5 November 2014

#### 4.2 Application for Taught Degree Awarding Powers (TDAP)

The first visit to UCS Ipswich by the Quality Assurance Agency's TDAP scrutiny team, commencing at least a year long scrutiny process, took place between 1- 3 October. The team met with a range of staff and students during their initial visit, and will be returning to UCS on several occasions throughout the remainder of the 2014-15 academic year to conduct further meetings and observe teaching and governance activity.

#### 4.3 QAA Higher Education Review

UCS's Higher Education Review is taking place week commencing 10 November.

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

#### 5.1 Joint Board of Study

The unconfirmed minutes of meeting of the Board held on 27 June 2014 are available to view at:

<https://intranet.uea.ac.uk/partnerships/committeepapers/ccn/2013-14/CCNJBOS13M003+Minutes+DRAFT>

The next meeting of the Board will be held on 21 November 2014.

#### 5.2 QAA Higher Education Review

City College Norwich's Higher Education Review is taking place week commencing 8 December

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

#### 6.1 Joint Board of Study

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 11 June are available to view at:

<https://intranet.uea.ac.uk/partnerships/committeepapers/eastoncollege/2013-14/ECJBOS13M003+Minutes+DRAFT>

The next meeting of the Board will be held on 12 November 2014

#### 6.2 Institutional Review

UEA's Institutional Review of Easton&Otley College was held on 15<sup>th</sup> October. The outcome of the review will be reported to the next meeting.

### 6.3 Transfer of Programme Validation from University Campus Suffolk

The programmes based at Otley campus for which validation have been transferred from UCS to UEA have registered their first cohort of students under the new validation arrangements. As per the approved process for the transfer of validation all continuing students from academic year 2013/14 will remain with UCS.

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

### 7.1 Joint Board of Study

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 23 July are available to view at:

<https://intranet.uea.ac.uk/partnerships/committeepapers/mountview/2013-14/MTVJBOS13M003>

The next meeting of the Board will be held on 14 November 2014

## 8. **INTO UEA NORWICH**

### 8.1 Joint Board of Study

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 9 July are available to view at

<https://intranet.uea.ac.uk/partnerships/committeepapers/intouea/2013-14/INTOJBOS13M003+-+Minutes+-+FINAL>

The next meeting of the Board will be held on 19 November 2014

## 9. **INTO UEA LONDON**

### 9.1 London Academy of Diplomacy

#### a) Joint Board of Study

The next meeting of the Board has been rescheduled for 20 November.

#### b) New Validating Partner

IUP have signed an agreement with Stirling University that includes validation of the LAD courses. A meeting between UEA, Stirling and LAD with relevant part time students to discuss the option of transferring from UEA to Stirling is due to held in October 2014.

### 9.2 Pathway Courses

The final students on UEA-validated courses completed in September 2014.

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

### 10.1 Joint Committee

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 15 July are available to view at:

<https://intranet.uea.ac.uk/partnerships/committeepapers/guernsey/2013-14/IHSCSJC13M003+Minutes+-+FINAL>

**11. PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP WITH BMJ GROUP**

- 11.1 BMJ have withdrawn from the discussions about the validation of an online Postgraduate Diploma, citing significant internal changes preventing new developments as the reason.