

SEN12D005

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Issue

A proposal to insert a minor amendment into the current General Regulations in order to clarify the scope of regulations relating to the suspension of non-UKBA compliant students.

Recommendation

That Senate endorse the enclosed amendment to be effective within the University's General Regulations from the 2013-14 academic year onwards

Resource Implications

None

Risk Implications

Not applicable

Equality and Diversity

The proposed amendment serves to clarify the regulatory structures that are required by extant legislation

Timing of decisions

Approval by the Senate will allow the amended regulations to take effect for the 2013-14 academic year.

Further Information

The proposal seeks to address a possible lack of clarity in the definition of the necessary immigration status the absence of which status would occasion immediate suspension from the University.

The University currently uses the requirements laid down in Regulation 13 to effect suspensions of students who are not compliant with UKBA requirements. However, while the terminology used therein is strictly correct in terms of formal definitions of immigration status types, it may not be sufficiently clear to students and non-expert staff.

It is therefore proposed that the wording within Regulation 13:

A student who no longer has extant leave to remain in the United Kingdom will be suspended from the University. In the event that appropriate leave to remain in the United Kingdom is granted, the student shall notify the Registrar and Secretary in writing whereupon consideration will be given to the lifting of the suspension.

Be amended to read:

A student who no longer has extant leave to remain and study in the United Kingdom will be suspended from the University. In the event that appropriate leave to remain and study in the United Kingdom is granted, the student shall notify the Registrar and Secretary in writing whereupon consideration will be given to the lifting of the suspension.

It is anticipated that the approval of this minor amendment will prevent any confusion as to the necessary status that must be held for a student to maintain their registration with the University.