

Summary of academic policy decisions, 2024-25

This summary includes decisions made at the following meetings:

Senate (6 November 2024)

Education Committee (9 October 2024)

Education Committee (20 March 2025)

The following committees have been reviewed and no decisions relating to academic policy were made:

Senate (22 January 2025)

Education Committee (11 December 2024)

Education Committee (12 February 2025)

Academic Quality and Standards Committee (September 2024 – virtual meeting)

Academic Quality and Standards Committee (16 October 2024)

Academic Quality and Standards Committee (December 2024 – virtual meeting)

Academic Quality and Standards Committee (29 January 2025)

Academic Quality and Standards Committee (5 March 2025)

As decisions are being made in response to changing circumstances, please make sure to refer to current communications and information on webpages and check with the relevant team if you have any questions.

Approved variations to the Rules of Assessment for specific courses or Partners are not included in this summary. Departments will be notified of approved variations directly following their approval.

Name of New or Amended Policy	Category	Applies to	Key contact(s)	Summary of change or new policy approved	Date that change or new policy takes effect	Link to source paper/committee minutes
Institutional Student Satisfaction Action Plan 2024-25	Action plans	All levels of provision	Professor Larra Anderson, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education)	Education Committee was asked to note the University's performance in the NSS 2024 and endorsed the institutional action plan provided in Appendix 4 of the linked paper .	For 2024-25	Education Committee, 09/10/2024, EC/24/71
			Professor Dominic Micklewright, Dean of Undergraduate Education	Paper considered by Council on 25 November 2024.		
Graduate Outcomes	Action plans	All levels of provision	Daniel Fox, Head of Student Development	Education Committee endorsed the annual ongoing delivery plan outlined in the linked paper .	For 2024-25	Education Committee, 09/10/2024,

Ongoing Delivery Plan						EC/24/73
Education Action Plan 2024-25	Action plans	All levels of provision	Emma Hardy, Deputy Academic Registrar	Senate approved the updated Education Action Plan 2024-25 as set out in Senate paper S/24/66, Appendix A , with immediate effect.	Immediate effect	Senate, 06/11/2024, S/24/66, Appendix A
Visiting and Honorary Academic Titles Policy	General	N/A	Julia Greenwood, Policy and Projects Officer, People & Culture Clare Lawrence, Policy and Projects Officer, People & Culture	Senate endorsed the revised Visiting and Honorary Academic Titles Policy and Procedure for recommendation to Council for approval with immediate effect.	Immediate effect	Senate, 06/11/2024, S/24/61
Content Development and Management Policy	Library	All levels of provision	Jonathan White, Director of Library and Cultural Services and University Librarian Ai Gooch, Assistant Director (University Collections and Digital Services)	Senate approved the revised Content Development and Management Policy , as set out in Senate paper S/24/66, Appendix B , with immediate effect.	Immediate effect	Senate, 06/11/2024, S/24/66, Appendix B
Code of practice for sharing open educational resources	Library	All levels of provision	Liam Bullingham, Assistant Director: Academic and Research Services Hannah Crago, Open Research Development Librarian	Education Committee was asked to comment on and endorse: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Code of Practice for Sharing Open Educational Resources to USG for approval. That this code of practice be reviewed every three years. 	Pending USG approval	Education Committee, 20/03/2025, EC/25/17
Trusted Research Policy	Research	Research	Dr Devon Wybrow-Miller (Research	Senate agreed that the Trusted Research Policy be recommended to Council for	Immediate effect	Senate, 06/11/2024, S/24/57

			Governance and Planning Officer) Phineas Wenlock (Head of Research Governance and Planning)	approval with immediate effect, as set out in Senate paper S/24/57 .		
Research Integrity Statement and Research Integrity Annual Report	Research	Research	Mantalena Sotiriadou, Research Integrity Manager	Senate endorsed the Research Integrity Statement and Research Integrity Annual Report for recommendation to Council for approval.	For 2024-25	Senate, 06/11/2024, S/24/60
Student Protection Plan	Student protection	All levels of provision	Lucy Johnson, Deputy University Secretary	Senate agreed that the revisions to the Student Protection Plan 2024 as set out in Senate paper S/24/59 be recommended to Council for approval.	For 2024-25	Senate, 06/11/2024, S/24/59

The Summary of Academic Policy Decisions is circulated to:
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Dean of Postgraduate Research Education
Deans of Partnerships
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