



THE CORPORATION

MINUTES OF THE QUALITY AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2010.

Present:

Ms K Clifford	Principal	Apologies
Ms A Dixon	Teaching member	Present
Ms B Graham	Co-opted member	Present
Mr T Grainger	Independent member	Present
Mr D Johnston	Independent member	Present

Clerk to the Corporation:

Mr C Bond

Also Present:

Mr P Ramella	VP Curriculum & 14-19 Provision	Present
Mr L Strover	Assoc. VP: Quality – Student Experience	Present
Mr J Kenyon	Interim Vice Principal	Present

Minute MQ/30/10

Declarations of Interest

There were none

Minute MQ/31/10

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Kim Clifford who is on leave

Minute MQ/32/10

Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Quality and Performance Monitoring Committee to serve until the first meeting of the Autumn term 2011.

- Beverley Graham was elected to serve as Chair of the Committee until the first meeting of the Autumn term 2011
- David Johnson was elected to serve as Vice Chair of the Committee until the first meeting of the Autumn term 2011

Minute MQ/33/10

Unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Quality and Performance Monitoring Committee held on 9 June 2010

(Document DQ/19/10)

These were confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

Minute MQ/34/10

Matters arising from the confirmed minutes of the meeting of the Quality and Performance Monitoring Committee held on 9 June 2010 which are not the subject of separate items on this agenda

a) Performance of male students who identified themselves as being of Afro Caribbean heritage.

Members noted that it had not proved possible to bring this issue, considered at the Corporation meeting on 2 July 2010, before the Committee for further consideration at this time, but that it remains a pressing concern requiring urgent additional examination supported by robust data and attendant information.

Members therefore requested that:

- a report detailing progress made on the issue be presented at the next meeting;
- sufficient time be set aside at the meeting for its full consideration.

Minute MQ/35/10

Ofsted Monitoring Report

(Document DQ/21/10)

Members had already received the initial draft of the report prepared by the Inspectors. The document presented was the final published report. Paolo Ramella reported that two Inspectors had visited and had reported on four themes. Members were happy to note that the inspectors were reporting that the college had made reasonable progress against all themes.

Members put questions to Mr Ramella on the following issues

- The confidence of the college management in the improvement of the results at AS level
- The awareness of the students of the significance of AS levels for them as single qualifications
- The awareness of students of the competition for access to places in Higher Education

Paolo Ramella also explained to members the difficulties in communicating to Ofsted inspectors the different weightings carried by the different qualifications that the college offered.

Minute MQ/36/10

College Self Assessment Report 2009-10 and Governance Self Assessment Report 2009-10

(Document DQ/22/10)

Members considered the report

The committee recommended that the Corporation approve the report
DQ/23/10)

The Clerk asked members to note that the document had already been considered by the Search and Governance Committee under whose remit it fell under the Terms of Reference of that committee. The document was provided here for information.

Minute MQ/37/10

Notes from October 2010 Curriculum Review Meetings

(Document DQ/24/10)

The Clerk reminded members that the documents were not comprehensive minutes of the meetings but notes of agreed issues and actions that had arisen.

Minute MQ/38/10

Future Items for the Agenda

Committee Members were asked to consider any items they would wish to be placed on the agenda of future Committee meetings. Members requested reports on

- The performance of male students who identified themselves as being of Black Caribbean heritage
- The awareness of students of the importance of AS levels as single qualifications and the competition for university places

Minute MQ/39/10

Any Other Business

There was no other business

Minute MQ/40/10

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The Committee noted that the Committee's next scheduled meeting was Wednesday, 9th February 2011 at 6.30 pm, however, this would be dependent on the arrangements made by the new Clerk.

The meeting concluded at 6.16 pm. No item was to be the subject of a separate confidential minute.