

HARPER ADAMS UNIVERSITY

Board of Governors

Summary Report on the Business of Academic Board

This report provides a summary of the meeting of the Academic Board held on 20th March 2017. The Board of Governors is asked to note this report.

1. The Board welcomed _____, representing _____ and _____ who attended as an observer.
2. The Board noted under Matters Arising: That a small Task and Finish group had been set up to explore means by which postgraduate students could receive more targeted emails, and that the new timetabling arrangements for 2017/18 should enable the University to put in place a more automated attendance monitoring system for 2018/19.
3. The Board received a paper providing a summary of progress made towards achieving the objectives in the Corporate Planning Statement 2016/17.

The Board noted that most of the targets had been completed. There is some

7. The Board received a

The Board noted that the current situation is relatively positive but there are signs that it will be more of: Brexit; the fall in EU to support shorter overseas stays for Chinese students; and possible changes to UK Visa and Immigration Tier 4 student visa sponsorship requirements.

The Board also noted that the University does not intend to renew the contract with but will in order to identify potential partner universities in the USA.

8. The Board received and approved the University Admissions Policy which is reviewed and revised annually.

9. The Board received a paper to provide an update on the work undertaken to satisfy Consumer Contract and Protection legislation.

The Board noted that with the challenge of a new undergraduate curriculum and the launch of a new website, colleagues are working hard towards fulfilling its obligations under Consumer Contract and Protection legislation, as guided by the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) and the latest HEFCE guidance on the provision of course information.

10. The Board received a paper to propose revisions to the Complaints Policy and Procedure and to highlight

13. The Board received a paper summarising new course development recommendations from the Programme Approvals Committee (PAC) meetings held on 18th January 2017 and 1st March 2017.

The Board endorsed the recommendations of the PAC to grant Full Development Approval for work to continue on the development of the following suite of programmes (in conjunction with)::

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14. The Board received a paper to note progress on the Brexit Action Programme.

The Board noted that there are student-focused sessions to inform and collect views on Brexit activity and a dedicated Landteach webpage. The potential impact of Brexit, and associated opportunities and threats, will continue to be discussed within the University.