

# Academic Board

Wednesday 8 December 2021

2pm  
MS Teams



Members are reminded that the items of business under *Items for formal approval* and *Items for report* are starred. This means that those items will be taken as read, and approved or noted as appropriate, without discussion, unless any are unstarred by members contacting the Secretary ([AcademicBoard@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:AcademicBoard@rhul.ac.uk)) by 5pm on Monday 6 December 2021.

Those papers not attached will be circulated shortly. Late papers circulated after the deadline for unstarred will be unstarred.

## Agenda

### Procedural

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

2. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday 20 October 2021** (M21/158-M21/230).

PJL *Attached*

3. **Matters arising**

PJL

To note that the following actions from the last meeting have been completed:

Ref	Action	Lead	Due date
21/163	Amend Minute no. 21/43 in the minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 29 June to read "He noted that this was a consultation with the Board and they would not be asked to vote on the proposal."	CM	ASAP
21/103	Circulate information re consultation on changes to the RHBNC Act 1985.	JHE/ CM	November 2021
21/218	Contact Development Manager to update nominee statement before nominations are circulated to Council.	PJL/ CM	ASAP
21/221	Correct name of School in paper AB/21/48 to read "School of Engineering, Physical and Mathematical Sciences" before paper is circulated to Council.	CM	ASAP
21/226	Amend Minute no. 21/46 in Academic Board Executive Minutes of meeting held on 8 November to reflect that the paper number received was ABE/21/06 and not AB/21/06.	CM	ASAP

4. **Unstarring of items**  
To note the unstarring of any *Items for formal approval* and *Items for report*. P J L

## Formal Reports

5. **Principal's Report**  
To receive a report from the Principal. P J L AB/21/54  
To note a letter from Minister Donelan regarding new guidance to OfS on Access and Participation P J L AB/21/54a and JK
6. **Report from the Council**  
To receive the minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 October 2021. P J L AB/21/55
7. **Report from the Students, Education and Research Committee**  
To receive a summary of items considered at the SER committee. J K / M H AB/21/56
8. **Reports from the Senior Management Team**  
To receive oral reports from members of the Senior Management Team summarising key business undertaken in their areas. K B / J K / T B
9. **Reports from the Students' Union President**
- 9.1 To receive a report from the Students' Union President. H W AB/21/57
- 9.2 To receive information from the Students' Union on their 'Spiked' campaign, aimed at ending drink spiking on campus. H W AB/21/58
10. **Reports from Schools**  
To receive a presentation from the Head of the School of Law and Social Sciences. M H AB/21/59 (to follow)

## Strategy Discussion

11. **Proposed merger with St George's, University of London**  
As noted at the previous Academic Board on 20 October, the merger discussions mean that this is not a static situation. The latest information will be circulated to members of Academic Board by the close of business on Friday 26 November together with questions on which members' feedback is requested ahead of the Board; this is to ensure they inform the next set of discussions. The meeting on the 8 December will then provide the opportunity for a further update and feedback. P J L, D A AB/21/60

## Major Business

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| 12. | <b>PGT Credit Framework</b>                            | To approve a proposal to align the UG and PGT credit frameworks.  | TB    | AB/21/61 |
| 13. | <b>Regulations on progression and award (Covid-19)</b> | To approve the progression and award requirements to be carried forward from the Emergency Regulations and Fairness & Assurance Policy. | JK/MH | AB/21/62 |
| 14. | <b>Shape of the Year</b>                               | To discuss changing the shape of the academic year.   | JK    | AB/21/63 |
| 15. | <b>Student Recruitment</b>                             | To receive a report on the December student number count.   | DA    | AB/21/64 |

## Items for formal approval

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| * 16. | <b>Proposed amendments to regulations for 2022-23</b> | To approve proposed amendments to the academic regulations for 2022-23 as recommended by the Executive Committee for Assessment. | JK/MH       | AB/21/65 |
| * 17. | <b>Terms of reference</b>                             | To receive the terms of reference and membership of Academic Board Executive in 2021-22.   | PJL/<br>JHE | AB/21/66 |
| * 18. | <b>Nominations for committees</b>                     | To approve an updated list of nomination for Statute 9 and student discipline committees.  | JHE         | AB/21/67 |

## Items for report

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| * 19.  | <b>Annual Review</b>   | To receive the composite School reports from the review of undergraduate provision in 2020-21.         | MH | AB/21/68 |
| * 20.  | <b>Suspensions of regulations</b>                              |  |    |          |
| * 21.1 |  | To receive a report on the suspension of undergraduate and postgraduate taught regulations in 2020-21. | JK | AB/21/69 |
| * 21.2 |  | To receive a report on the suspension of postgraduate research regulations in 2020-21.                 | KB | AB/21/70 |
| * 21.  | <b>Annual Report on the Executive Committee for Assessment</b> | To receive an annual report on the business of the Executive Committee for Assessment.                 | JK | AB/21/71 |

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| * | 22. | <b>Academic Board Executive</b>                  | To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Academic Board Executive held on 8 November 2021.   | PJL | AB/21/72 |
|   | 23. | <b>Unstarring of Academic Board Papers</b>       | To receive the procedure for unstarring papers.  | JHE | AB/21/73 |
| * | 24. | <b>Quality Assurance and Standards Committee</b> | To receive the minutes of the Quality Assurance and Standards Committee held on 13 October 2021. | DG  | AB/21/74 |

#### **Other Matters**

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| 25. | <b>Date of next meeting</b> | Wednesday 16 March 2022 at 2pm via MS Teams. | PJL |
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