

## **Summary of key changes to the Academic Quality Handbook 2025/26**

### **Chapter 1 Institutional Context**

- Removal of reference to Provosts.

### **Chapter 2 Academic Committee Structure**

- *Section 2.1.3:* Due Diligence Group - to be replaced by the Partner Proposals Standing Group (the name of this Group and the Terms of Reference are to be confirmed).
- *Section 2.3.1* Academic Standards Committee - to be responsible for academic and non-academic student cases framework.
- *Section 2.3.2:* Research Committee - change of title to Research and Innovation Committee.
- *Section 2.3.3:* Student Experience Committee - removal of reference to non-academic student cases framework.
- *Section 2.3.5:* Institute Boards – Students' Union Sabbatical Officers made members instead of observers.
- *Section 2.4.2:* Apprenticeship Board – several changes made to the Terms of Reference following a review by the new Head of Apprenticeships.
- *Throughout the chapter:* Changes to committee membership where required e.g. to include new posts, to update job titles, or to remove Provosts.

### **Chapter 3 Quality Enhancement**

- No revisions made to Chapter 3.

### **Chapter 4 Programme Design, Approval, Validation, Monitoring and Review**

- *Section 4.1.11:* Inclusion of cross-reference to the new PSRB Management Protocol.

### **Chapter 5 Student Representation, Engagement and Support**

- No revisions made to Chapter 5.

## **Chapter 6 Taught Award Regulations**

- *Section 6.1.2:* Addition of reference to the requirement to determine the status of pre-requisite modules in Definitive Programme Documents.

## **Chapter 7 Assessment: Taught Programmes**

- *Section 7.10:* Updating of section on 'Assessment through the medium of Welsh where the medium of delivery is English', to reflect the new 'Staff Guidance – Supporting Welsh Speaking Students' document.

## **Chapter 8 Research Degree Regulations**

- No revisions made to Chapter 8.

## **Chapter 9 Procedural Framework for Collaborative Provision**

- This Chapter is under review for 2025/26.

## **Chapter 10 Micro-credentials, Short Courses, Professional Practice Framework, Contributing Partners, External Locations and Accreditation**

- This Chapter is under review for 2025/26.

## **Chapter 11 Working with Others**

- *Section 11.7:* Minor revisions to the section on Apprenticeships.

## **Chapter 12 Student Policies**

- No revisions made to Chapter 12. However, please check the website for any updated policies/protocols listed in Chapter 12.

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