

Academic Partnerships Committee – Terms of Reference

Parent body

Academic Board

Purpose

The Academic Partnerships Committee considers, monitors and reviews all formal academic partnership arrangements including (a) those which underpin or relate to the collaborative provision of educational programmes in the forms of progression (with recognition of credit), articulation, joint awards, validation, study abroad and off campus delivery; and (b) those which relate to other forms of activity or alliance, and involve contractual or signed agreements (including Memoranda of Understanding and Memoranda of Agreement).

These include partnerships established in the context of the Turing scheme and with the University of London, and other partnerships that are approved for the provision of distance and flexible learning.

It advises and makes recommendations on such partnerships to Academic Board and the Executive Board, and liaises with Learning, Teaching and Student Experience Committee (LTSEC), Quality and Standards Committee (QSC) and any other committees/sub-committees as appropriate.

Terms of reference

1. To consider and monitor Goldsmiths' strategic approach to the development of institutional academic partnerships both domestically and internationally.
2. To oversee and monitor the database of partnership contracts and agreements, including the Academic Partnerships Register, and to keep under review the format and content of contract templates.
3. To oversee and monitor the health and viability of Goldsmiths' partnership portfolio, considering key aspects of the management of these relationships and the quality of the student experience.
4. To approve and make recommendations to the Executive Board or other committees, as appropriate, concerning proposals to establish or discontinue academic partnership arrangements.
5. To consider reports from Institutional Approval and Institutional Review advising the Executive Board on any significant issues and making recommendations for ratification at Academic Board.
6. Where partnerships involve delivery of a partner's programme through validation or similar arrangements, or delivery of a programme of study involving elements delivered

by both Goldsmiths' and the partner, to consider programmes for approval and make recommendations for ratification at Academic Board.

7. To review and approve, as necessary, any changes to the Academic Partnerships Framework.
8. To oversee adherence to academic partnerships policies and procedures, receiving and considering annual reports on academic partnerships, and drawing any issues or recommendations to the attention of relevant committees.
9. To receive an annual report of activities relating to staff and student mobility with partners, including through the Turing scheme, and to highlight to relevant committees, and academic departments as appropriate, any issues arising from this including ways in which such mobility might be enhanced.
10. To consider the academic operation of, and the contractual arrangements* for, the University of London programmes as well as any other distance and flexible learning partnerships, and to make recommendations to the Academic Board and/or other committees, as appropriate.
11. Reporting arrangements for the University of London programmes are articulated in the Quality Schedule which forms part of the contractual relationship with the University of London.

Members

Composition
Chair
Academic Director International Development and Academic
Director of Communication, Marketing and Recruitment
Associate Director Student Support Services
Associate Director Internationalisation
Head of Academic Partnerships
Head of International Recruitment and Global Opportunities
Head of Student Success
GOAL representative
Associate Dean, Society and Innovation
Three members of Faculty of Culture, Arts and Media
Three members of Faculty of Society and Innovation
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VERSION CONTROL

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