

Quality and Standards Committee – Terms of Reference

2025-2026

Parent body

Academic Board

Purpose

The Quality and Standards Committee (QSC) has delegated responsibility from the Academic Board for considering, advising on, and developing the University's framework and policies for assuring the quality and standards of all awards; and for monitoring and maintaining the effectiveness with which these are implemented.

Its remit includes oversight of the policies and procedures for programmes leading to Goldsmiths awards delivered on-campus and in collaboration with Partner Institutions. QSC pays particular regard to the impact of its work in relation to equality, diversity and inclusion. QSC is responsible for ensuring that the University's quality assurance processes are sufficiently capturing and addressing EDI matters, and for making recommendations to Academic Board, if required.

All matters listed below for which it gives approval or undertakes a monitoring function are formally reported to Academic Board.

Terms of reference

1. To ensure that the University's quality assurance processes deliver and maintain the highest academic standards and continue to meet external requirements, including but not limited to ensuring the University continues to meet its conditions of registration with the Office for Students.
2. To consider all proposals for changes as needed to the University's quality assurance processes for onward recommendation to the Academic Board.
3. To monitor the impact of Goldsmiths quality assurance policies and procedures for taught programmes and make recommendations to Academic Board.
4. To scrutinise the outcomes of Goldsmiths assessment processes, with particular consideration of the profiles of student performance across student groups, programmes and departments, and in relation to subject-relevant benchmarks, drawing any significant issues and recommendations to the attention of Academic Board.
5. To advise Academic Board, if requested, on issues or internal actions arising from (a) reports by external agencies or professional bodies concerning the quality of the University's provision, or (b) submissions for external review.

6. To scrutinise the annual report of extenuating circumstances applications/ decisions and report to Academic Board.
7. To scrutinise the annual report of student complaints and academic appeals and make recommendations to LTSEC and/or Academic Board, as appropriate.
8. To inform Council's required annual assurance about the assurance of student outcomes and of the reliability of degree standards.

Members

Composition
Chair: Deputy Vice Chancellor for Education and Student Experience
Director of Quality and Curriculum
University Secretary
Head of Student Success
Two members of the academic staff from each Faculty
A sabbatical officer of the Students' Union

VERSION CONTROL

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