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REGULATIONS

D1.1 Academic Audit: Purposes

D1.1.1 Purposes of Academic Audit

The University employs academic audit for two main purposes:

- to provide Academic Board with the assurance that the delegated responsibilities for quality and standards of academic provision are being properly discharged
- to promote quality enhancement by the identification and dissemination of good practice.

D1.2 Form and Process of Academic Audit

D1.2.1 Form of Academic Audit

The form of Academic Audit comprises two elements:

- Continuous Audit; ongoing activity which involves the collection, monitoring and evaluation of routinely produced evidence and observation of a range of activities.
- Enhancement Audit; specific issues or themes which arise from consideration of the outcomes of continuous audit and/or any other form of internal or external monitoring and review at Faculty or University level. Issues or themes to be audited may be at all levels of University academic and related activities.

D1.3 Responsibility

D1.3.1 University Level Oversight

The Academic Quality and Standards Committee maintains oversight and has overall responsibility for Academic Audit, which may be delegated within the devolved structure.

D1.3.2 Conduct

The Registrar and Secretary and staff from the Registrar and Secretary's Office are responsible for the conduct of Academic Audit.

D1.3.3 Participation

Academic Audit will be conducted through an internal and external peer review process as described in guidance produced by the Registrar and Secretary's Office.

D1.4 Academic Audit Reports to the University

D1.4.1 Coverage

Academic Audit reports will comprise an analysis and evaluation of the outcomes of Continuous Audit activity and Enhancement Audit issues or themes. The reports will be presented to the University Quality, Standards and Regulations Committee or a delegated committee of Academic Board.

D1.4.2 Purpose

The purpose of Academic Audit Reports are:

- to assure the University of the quality and standards of its academic provision
- to promote quality enhancement by the identification and dissemination of good practice
- to provide a means whereby opportunities for improvement can be identified.