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PARTNERSHIP FORUM

8th March 2018
MINUTES (unconfirmed)

Present:

Name	Organisation
Kylie Radford	Central School of Ballet
Dr Maxine Esser	Conservatoire for Dance and Drama (CDD)
Dr Tim Wright	Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust
Michael Poraj-Wilczynski	East Kent College Group (Canterbury College)
Alison Stanbury	East Kent College Group
Andrea Malley	GlaxoSmithKline
Dr Harry Kelly	GlaxoSmithKline
Ian Warren	LAMDA
Bethany Holdaway	LCDS
Alex Graham	LCDS
Darren Carr	Northern School of Contemporary Dance
Prof. Mike Mulcahy	Programme Director, MSc Primary Dental Care
Josephine Afriyie-Gyasi	Pearson College London
Katherine Curran	Pearson College London
Phaedra Petsilas	Rambert School
Linda Le Gry	University of Kent
Dr Louise Naylor	University of Kent
Vanessa Nedderman	University of Kent
Trudi Oseman	University of Kent
Kelly Porter	University of Kent
Debbie Reed	University of Kent
Prof. Michael Went	University of Kent
Trixie Brunger	University of Kent
Malcolm Dixon	University of Kent
Tina Hagger	University of Kent
Julie Iliffe	University of Kent
Andrea McDonnell	University of Kent
Matthew Redmond	University of Kent

1. Welcome and Introductions from the Chair – Malcolm Dixon, Head of Quality Assurance

Malcolm Dixon, the University's Head of Quality Assurance, welcomed delegates to the Partnership Forum and introduced the order of the day.

2. Annual Update on Developments at Kent – Matthew Redmond, Quality Officer: Established Collaborative Provision

Matthew Redmond, Quality Officer: Established Collaborative Provision in the University's Quality Assurance Office, provided an annual update on developments outlining new appointments, projects and changes to current systems at Kent.

This includes the appointment of new Vice-Chancellor, Professor Karen Cox, new Academic Registrar, Mary Hughes and a gold award for Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) which highlighted the high levels of student success, high quality resources and the University's flexible approach.

Matthew also outlined the 'Simplifying Kent' project which is formed of nine university-wide projects and includes a review of programme and module approval.

The implementation of KentVision in September 2018 was also covered which it was explained would create a harmonisation between UG & PG classifications and facilitate the day-to-day management of records.

Post Meeting Note: Following the forum it was announced that KentVision would not launch in September 2018. Partners will be advised of the revised launch date in due course.

The key points are detailed in the presentation on the Partnership Forum webpage: <https://www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/qa/collaborative/forum/docs/partnershipforum/2018/index.html>

3. Briefing on New Programme Approval Process – Tina Hagger, Quality Officer: New Collaborative Provision

An overview of the new programme approval process and its purpose, method and operation was given with Tina outlining the different stages involved in the approval process.

A link to the presentation is on the Partnership Forum website: <https://www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/qa/collaborative/forum/docs/partnershipforum/2018/index.html>

4. Feedback on the Partner Institution Survey – Matthew Redmond, Quality Officer: Established Collaborative Provision

Matthew outlined the results of the Student Survey from 2017 which had been circulated to all Validated and Partner College students, providing a comparison against the previous year's survey for 2015/16.

A link to the presentation is available on the Partnership Forum website:

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5. Higher and Degree Apprenticeships – Dr Scott Wildman, Centre Director, Centre for Higher and Degree Apprenticeships

Dr Scott Wildman spoke of the new initiative at the University of Kent which saw the launch of the Centre for Higher and Degree Apprenticeships in September 2016. He explained that the Centre was offering an alternative to traditional study.

Scott spoke of the key successes to date, as well as the Centre's future vision.

The presentation is available on the Partnership Forum website:

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6. University of Kent's Approach to eLearning – Jane Carne and Daniel Clark, Curriculum Development Team, Unit for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning

Jane and Dan provided an overview of the various e-learning opportunities available to enhance the student learning experience and prioritise student engagement. Jane and Dan spoke of discipline-specific technologies to support schools that have different focusses and the various technologies in use at the University.

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7. Developments at Partner Institutions since the last Forum

Attendees were invited to provide updates on any significant developments since the last forum.

- Mike Mulcahy spoke of the withdrawal of HEE LaSE from the partnership with the University and noted that this was a shame as the programmes were innovative and students valued them.
- Ian Warren, LAMDA talked about LAMDA's move towards Taught Degree Awarding Powers and their positive HE Review in November from the QAA. LAMDA are very proud of the report published earlier this week.

- Harry Kelly from GlaxoSmithKline spoke of the Postgraduate Certificate in Professional Development noting they have a 100% completion rate. The Kent programme was prominent at the Chemical Industry Awards and won a gold award. He spoke of the successes achieved through GSK and Kent working together on the programme.

8. Workshops

8.1 Attendees were invited to attend workshops in the following areas for the afternoon session of the forum:

- (i) Pearson BTEC Higher National
- (ii) KentVision – the implementation of Tribal SITS at Kent
- (iii) Practice as Research

Where available, presentations from these and the morning sessions are published on the Quality Assurance Office website:

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/teaching/qa/collaborative/forum/index.html>

9. Any Other Business

There was an opportunity to discuss other matters of business not already covered on the agenda.

No further matters were raised.

Malcolm Dixon closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Date of the Next Meeting – **7th March 2019**