



**ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2017**

**MEMBER PRESENT:** Linda Jordan (Chair), Andrew Edwards, Pat Edwards, Quintin Peppiatt, Paul Stephen

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Paul Stopford, Anil Nagpal, Carlos Cubillo Barsi  
Beryl Hughes (Clerk to the Corporation)

**17/27 APOLOGIES**  
none

**17/28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Linda Jordan, Pat Edwards and Paul Stopford in relation to any matters concerning NewTEC

Paul Stephen and Carlos Cubillo-Barsi in relation to any matters concerning Digital Skills Solutions Limited

Quintin Peppiatt in relation to any matters concerning the London Borough of Newham.

**17/29 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 JUNE 2017 AND MATTERS ARISING**  
The minutes were received and accepted as a correct record

**17/30 DRAFT SELF ASSESSMENT REPORT 2016-2017 (SAR)**  
The Committee received and considered the report and noted:

- The SAR had been externally moderated
- The summary paper provided a good analysis of the SAR
- The overview is disappointing
- There needs to be a focus of where the college deals with the issues identified.
- English and maths results have improved.
- The timely achievement detail for apprenticeships is to be re-drafted to be more precise.
- Value added needs to be demonstrated
- Internal quality reviews shows teaching knowledge is good
- Good attendance is rewarded
- The overall grade profile for 2016-2017 is shown as:
  - Overall Effectiveness 2
  - Effectiveness of leadership & management 2
  - Quality of teaching, learning and assessment 2
  - Personal development, behaviour and welfare 2
  - Outcomes for students 2

Following discussion It was **agreed:**

- The 'outcome for students' would be regraded as '3'
- In 'key strengths' reference should be made to the Student Forum which gives students the platform to speak with governors and senior staff directly at regular meetings to discuss issues.
- In 'key areas for improvement' consider including a table on the achievements of ethnic groups and also review the wording.
- At item 6 of the Quality Improvement plan the impact measure would be amended to refer to all community groups.
- Revisions would be made and the updated SAR presented to the Corporation Board on the 5 December for approval.

**17/31 NEWHAM COLLEGE UNIVERSITY CENTRE SELF EVALUATION DOCUMENT (SED)**

The Committee received and considered the summary report and noted:

- The SED is submitted to the Open University (OU) every 5 years
- The SED will be presented at Corporation Board on 5 December
- The HE offer at NUC is narrow
- There have been quality issues which have been addressed
- The 2015-2016 SED was not completed.
- To support the HE leadership team assistance is being sought from a college which has a good reputation with their HE offer.
- Student feedback for HE is positive.

The Committee further noted next steps in opportunities including:

- Higher Level Apprenticeships in Police, Social Work, Probation and Catering and Hospitality
- Foundation degrees in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools.
- Nursing Associate programmes
- Extending Higher National Certificates and Diploma programmes in Engineering, Construction and Digital Technologies.
- Business Management

It was **agreed:**

- An overview of the new Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) will be taken to the next meeting of this Committee.

**17/32 STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES (SEND) – PROGRESSION INTO EMPLOYMENT**

Chair thanked the Deputy Principal for Quality Performance and Inclusion for the report.

The Committee received and considered the report and noted:

- Supported internships did not lead to employment for students.
- There is no autism pathway in schools and students reach the age of 16 without the correct support.

It was agreed:

- There should be a review of the SEND provision
- A meeting should be sought with Gerry Okello, Newham Workplace.
- Personalised packages should be tailored for students with autism and call on external experience
- Chair and Deputy Principal QPI will meet to discuss Project Search.

**17/33 POSSIBLE FUTURE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENTS**

The Committee received and considered the report and noted:

- Curriculum should be stabilised
- There would be a review of :
  - Science
  - Engineering
  - Construction
  - Service Industries
  - Higher Education
  - Special Educational needs
- ESOL provision should be re-aligned to become vocationally focussed to assist students with career progression
- how the engineering provision might better meet employment needs should be examined
- Hospitality and catering provision to be refocussed to reflect the greater number of jobs 'front of house' and events management.
- To use the Fashion and Textile museum in the expansion of the fashion and tailoring provision

**Chair thanked Beryl Hughes Clerk to the Corporation, who is retiring in December, for her support of the Committee**

Signed as a correct record.....  
Linda Jordan Chair of the Committee

Date: 07 March 2018