Minute of the Learning, Teaching and Quality Committee Meeting
Held by Hybrid Attendance at Kilwinning Campus and via Microsoft Teams
Thursday 29 May 2025

Present:

Alison Sutherland	Chair LTQC
Jason Currie	Non-Executive Board Member
Jane Grant	Non-Executive Board Member
Gillian Longmuir	Non-Executive Board Member
Michael Ross	Non-Executive Board Member
Iain Shearer	Non-Executive Board Member
Chris Boyce	Elected Member, EIS/FELA
Lisa Keggans	Elected Member, Support Staff
Darcie Hamilton	Elected Member, Student President
Connor Skipsey	Elected Member, Student Vice President
Janette Steel	Elected Member, Curriculum Staff.
Angela Cox	Principal, Ex-officio

In attendance:

Anne Campbell	Vice Principal, Skills and Enterprise
David Davidson	Vice Principal, People, Performance and Transformation
Jennifer Anderson	Assistant Principal, Skills and Innovation
Ann Heron	Head of Quality Enhancement (left after Item 4)
Gavin Murray	Assistant Principal, Skills and Innovation
Alistair Rodgers	Director of Enterprise Development
Doreen Wales	Assistant Principal, Student Experience & Quality Enhancement
Hilary Denholm	Board Governance Advisor
Katelyn Kilbride	Executive Assistant (Minutes)

1. Welcome and Declarations of Interest

Alison Sutherland, Chair of the LTQC, welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Ann Heron, Head of Quality Enhancement, who is giving a presentation at Item 4.

There were no Declarations of Interest presented.

The meeting was confirmed as quorate.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Sharon Morrow, Vice Chair LTQC and Alan Ritchie, Vice Principal, Finance and Infrastructure.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 06 March 2025 *(Paper 1) (C/P)*

The minutes of the meeting held on 06 March 2025 were approved as a correct record.

      Proposed: Connor Skipsey   **Seconded**: Angela Cox

3.1 Action Tracker *(Paper 1a)*

The Committee noted that there were no outstanding actions.

4. Learning & Teaching Academy (Presentation) (P)

Ann Heron, Head of Quality Enhancement, Colleen Porte and Fraser Doyle gave a detailed presentation on the Learning & Teaching Academy. It was agreed that the presentation will be circulated to members.

Ann Heron, Colleen Porte & Fraser Doyle left the meeting

5. Student Association Report Q4 (Paper 2) (P)

D Hamilton and C Skipsey highlighted the main activities from the report and verbally updated the Committee on activities since the report submission.

    The Committee noted:

- The Student Association continues to plan and delivery campaigns such as Neurodiversity Celebration Week which included limited edition wristbands and raised awareness of neurodiversity and supportive services.

- The Pathways of Hope campaign also took place in March which involved speaking to students, a mental health resource pack and wellbeing walks.
- Planning is underway for the upcoming Deaf Awareness week on $5^{th} – 11^{th}$ May and Mental Health Awareness Week on $12^{th} – 18^{th}$ May.

- The Brighten our Campus project is progressing and the daffodils which were planted are starting to grow.

- A live demonstration of the NEXUS virtual reality platform was delivered to SLT to provide the opportunity to explore the virtual space.

- The colour of the Ayrshire College Official Flower has been voted on and the chosen colour is Blue Columbine. A short life working group including horticulture lecturers and students has been created to progress with planting.

- It was also highlighted that Darcie Hamilton and Connor Skipsey have been re-elected for AY 2025-26.

    The Committee welcomed the report and noted informative updates. Members noted the report as presented.

6. 2024-25 SFC Student Satisfaction and Engagement Survey (Paper 3) (P)

D Wales provided an overview of the 2024-25 SFC Student Satisfaction and Engagement Survey which was open from March 2024 to April 2025. The following points were highlighted.

The Committee noted:

- The overall response rate has reduced by 300 students however the response rate percentage hasn't yet been calculated in relation to eligible students and modes of delivery.

- The satisfaction rate remains the same as AY 2023-24.

- 11 of 13 statements have recorded an increase in satisfaction.

- An impressive 27% increase for the Student Association question.

    The Committee welcomed the report and noted the content as presented.

7. 2023-24 SFC Student Satisfaction and Engagement College Sector Benchmarking Report (Paper 4) (P)

D Wales presented the 2023-24 SFC Student Satisfaction and Engagement Sector Benchmarking Report which outlines the College sector averages from AY 2023-24.

The Committee noted:

- For FEFT, the satisfaction rate was 96.8% (a 1.8% increase from the previous year) against the sector average of 94.4%.

- Ayrshire College's satisfaction rate for HEFT was 95.7% (a 0.6% increase from the previous year) against a sector average of 88.2%.

- For FEFT, the response rate was 51.1% (a 4.1% increase from the previous year) against the sector average of 57%. The College target response rate of 50% was exceeded for the first time.

10. Student Support Funds *(Paper 6) (P)*

A Ritchie introduced the Student Support Funds paper and provided an update on the 2024-25 financial position and risks.

The Committee noted:

There are no issues with overall funds and risks have been minimised at this time.

- AY25-26 student support funds remain unchanged, the amount received will not change however the cost of living and inflation will present challenges for students.
- The online Funding and Application system is being developed and progressing well.

The Committee welcomed the paper and updates, noting the report as presented.

12. AOB

No other business noted.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 04 September at 4.00pm at Kilmarnock Campus.

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