

# Quality and Standards Committee – Terms of Reference

2023-24

## 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 College'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 College'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 College's quality assurance processes deliver and maintain the highest academic standards and continue to meet external requirements, including but not limited to ensuring the College continues to meet its conditions of registration with the Office for Students.
2. To consider all proposals for changes as needed to the College'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 College'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	Membership	Term
Chair: Pro-Warden Academic	Professor Ernest Caldwell	ex officio
Secretary to Council / Director of Governance and Legal Services	Matthew Brooks	ex officio
Head of Student Success	Tobin Webb	ex officio
Two members of the academic staff from each School	Dr Deirdre Osborne (A&H) (ECW)	to 2026 (eot)
	Dr Stephen Graham (A&H)	to 2026 (eot)
	Ekaterina Rozanova (C&S)	to 2026
	Vacancy (C&S)	to 2026
	Vacancy (PSST)	

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	Dr Andres Lazzarini (PSST) (IMS)	to 2025
A sabbatical officer of the Students' Union	Gamorrhah Britton-Gibson	to 2024
Secretary	Shahreen Haider	

Terms of office on committees are for three years, renewable for three further years. If the letters "eot" appear against a person's name in a membership listing, this indicates that he or she will reach the maximum term as a member of the body concerned on 31 August in the year specified.

## **VERSION CONTROL**

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