**Education Committee – summary of meeting held on 18.11.21**

1. **Proposal for an undergraduate programme at the Business School**

The committee considered a proposal from the Business School for a new programme aimed at around 90 undergraduate students. The proposed programme is scheduled to start in 2023, if approved, and has been designed following extensive consultation with Faculties, central College support services, employers and other Higher Education Institutions.

Much of the discussion centred on the plans for provision of pastoral support for students on the programme, and the importance of not placing too great a strain on existing central College support services. The committee agreed that the programme demonstrated an excellent opportunity.

1. **Assessment and feedback**

The group discussed the latest OfS guidance on assessment practice. At the request of COG, a report is being complied by a working group looking into the topic of in-person assessment. This report will be considered at the next meeting of the Education Committee.

It was noted that College regulations did not prevent assessments being in the form of Timed Remote Assessments in the long term, but that departments would have to be wary of what was outlined to students in their OfS/CMA letters.

1. **Industrial action**

The group discussed the upcoming strike action in response to the USS pensions dispute. It was noted that industrial action will take place from 1-3 December (inclusive), and that action short of a strike (‘ASOS’) will occur from 1 December until no later than 3 May.

It was noted that FAQs and guidance had been prepared for [students](https://www.imperial.ac.uk/human-resources/pay-and-pensions/pensions/uss/industrial-action-students/) and [staff](https://www.imperial.ac.uk/human-resources/pay-and-pensions/pensions/uss/industrial-action-staff/), as well as a guidance document for HoDs on the subject of the strikes.

1. **NSS Joint Committee**

The committee considered a proposal for the formation of a new joint committee to have oversight of the NSS and other student experience action plans. This would be chaired by the Vice-Provost (Education and Student Experience), and draw together representatives from the Education Committee, Student Experience Committee, QAEC, and Imperial College Union.

The group endorsed the proposal and it will be discussed at a future meeting of the committee.

1. **Updates from Committees**

The committee received verbal updates from the Covid Operations Group (COG), Student Experience Committee, and Learning and Teaching (Product) Board. Updates were also given on the progress of the ongoing postgraduate curriculum review and the status of the REC action plan.

The next meeting of the Education Committee will be held on **16 December 2021**.