Changes to University Regulations and Codes of Practice from 1st August 2016

This note includes information regarding substantive changes to academic and student Regulations, Codes of Practice, Policies and Guidance, which were approved by the Academic Policy & Regulations Committee, and which come into effect on 1st August 2016.

1. Changes to University Regulations
   (a) Regulation 6
       • Articulation of consequences of a lead supervisor leaving the University.
   (b) Regulation 7
       • Removal of the term ‘subsidiary’ when referring to minor corrections of arguments.
       • Clarification of the types of text that count towards word count in theses.
   (c) Regulation 8
       ‘College Misconduct Committee and Fitness to Practise Committees’ reworded to ‘College Misconduct and Fitness to Practice Committee’.

2. New Code of Practice
   (a) There are no new Codes of Practice.

3. Changes to University Codes of Practice, Policies and Guidance
   (a) Academic Appeals Procedure
       Updated to include AMD considerations.
   (b) Admissions of Students
       • Updates to webpage links and inclusion of a complaints section.
       • Updated to include AMD considerations.
   (c) Alternative Modes of Delivery (AMD)
       Code commuted to a guidance note.
   (d) Assessment of Taught Programmes and Modules
       Clarification of anonymity at Boards of Examiners.
   (e) Consulting Students on Major Change
       • Updates to the role of the QAA.
- Clarification of minimal expectations for consulting students, including timing of consultation, as well as a re-wording of the definition of major change.

(f) **Drugs and Alcohol**

Minor updates to the Policy, including correction of terminology.

(g) **Extenuating Circumstances**

Guidance document has been re-written to include a list of potential scenarios that would require EC submission. Updates to the consideration of ECs for assessments that have been passed.

(h) **External Examiners (Taught Provision)**

Updated to include AMD considerations.

(i) **Freedom of Speech**

Updated to reflect current legislation.

(j) **Health, Wellbeing and Fitness to Study**

Updated to include AMD considerations.

(k) **Misconduct and Fitness to Practise Committee**

- Minor changes to the management of a hearing.
- Clarification of oaths.
- Appeal process articulated within Code.
- Clarification that a student can be withdrawn from the University with no award.
- Updated to include AMD considerations.

(l) **Personal Tutoring and Academic Feedback**

- Updated to include AMD considerations.

(m) **Plagiarism**

Updated to include AMD considerations.

(n) **Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies**

Removal of removal of reference to the Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies sub-Committee.

(o) **Teaching and Academic Support Provided by Students**

Removal of references to ‘Quality Assurance and Enhancement Committee’ and College-level monitoring of PGTA-matters.
(p) **Student Complaints and Concerns**

- Update to appendix 1, to ensure Code is up to date with current terminology for protected characteristics.
- Updated to include AMD considerations.

(q) **Student Representative System**

- Process to cover PGR as well as UG and PGT students.
- Updated to include AMD considerations.

(r) **Supervision and Monitoring Progress in PGR**

- Updates to the ethical review process.
- Update to the development need analysis for part-time PGR students.
- Articulation of consequences of a lead supervisor leaving the University

The University Regulations and Codes of Practice are available at: [http://www.as.bham.ac.uk/legislation/](http://www.as.bham.ac.uk/legislation/)

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