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NWH Learning, Teaching & Research Committee Meeting

Chair – Sarah Fraser

Wednesday 4th December 2024, 16:15 - 18:00 via MS Teams

Present

Debbie Miller, Vice Principal Strategic Projects

Derek Lewis, Chairman of the Board of Management

Diana MacLeod, Interim Head of Curriculum & Student Services

Fiona Grant, Senior Responsible Officer / Director of AA (West)

Flora Miller, Interim Project Support officer (minutes)

Hannah Ritchie-Muir, Vice Principal (Academic) & SRO Outer Hebrides

Lydia Rohmer, Principal & Chief Executive

Michael Foxley, Independent Non-Executive Board Member

Nicolas Kowalczyk, HISA Board Member

Rupert Marshall, Independent Non-Executive Board Member

Sarah Fraser, Chair of LT&R Committee & Independent Non-Executive Board Member

Mark Taggart, Senior Research Fellow

1. Quorum, Welcome and Apologies (SF)

Apologies.

Stuart Gibb

Ellen Maclean, Board Secretary

The meeting is quorate

2. Declarations of Interest and Connection (SF)

No declarations of interest were made.

3. Minutes 4th September 2024(SF)

Approved

4. Request to star unstarred agenda items (SF)

Request to star Item 10. Gaelic language plan, & Gaelic strategy. Item 9. curriculum strategy.

5. Safeguarding Policy - Sophie Dunnett (SD)

Endorsed

6.UHI impact assessment on UHINWH Year 1 Curriculum Hannah Ritchie-Muir (HRM)

The assessment was conducted by UHI and is now signed off by their Senior Executive Team and published on their website.

LR explained that this is an Islands Impact Assessment where legislation is set out. NWH requested UHI to undertake one.

IIA was completed for Organisational Design and Curriculum. There was no disproportionate impact found.

The curriculum has created benefits for the Island communities by increasing access to other communities.

Endorsed

7. TQEF Report - Tracy Kerr (TK)

Noted

8. Curriculum & Student Experience Report (HRM)

Confidential item (withheld)

Noted

9. Tertiary Curriculum Strategy - Fiona Grant (FG)

Confidential item (Withheld)

Endorsed

10. Gaelic Strategy including updated GLP (HRM)

Discussion by MF and DL around targets and actions identified, to have the outcomes in there rather than the outputs. There is no measure of achievement as there was no baseline.

Endorsed with caveats

Gaelic Language Plan (GLP) – confidential paper withheld

HRM introduced this document as a relationship between our strategy and internal operational plan which monitors levels of achievements for targets in the strategy.

DL voiced that there are no measures to show the use of our communities. HRM advised she would review and put something more concrete in this document. DL advised that the measure is the impact, which is less precise but the real measure of if what we are doing is having the impact.

Endorsed - with the caveat for a mechanism for targets/outcomes to be supplied in conjunction with other partners.

The GLP will go to BnG in January for endorsement from their Board.

Action unrelated – SF asked for logic and methodology for reporting at this committee.

LR advised that SFC are looking at an enhanced framework with regional funding, however this is a work in progress.

11. HISA Report – Nicolas Kowalczyk (NK)

Noted

12. Research Theme Update – Mark Taggart (MT)

There were positive comments on the presentation and a discussion took place around commercialisation of their services. The team are currently working on commercial projects, and further discussions are to take place on commercialisation. The team need the skills and resources to commercialise and there is a concern that there are bigger entities progressing and potentially using their ideas. Potentially losing IP,

13. Terms of Reference (SF)

Deferred -To be discussed at next meeting.

14. Roles & Responsibilities within the interim structure (HRM)

Confidential item

Action: Board Sec to share with committee, presentation Fiona Grant gave at this meeting.

15. LT&R Committee requirements for regular data reports (SF)

Discussion to be had with committee members around the types of data for decision making. ELT were asked to provide an exception report not a data gathering exercise. HRM has already submitted the C&SE report for this year.

16. Reports for Noting (HRM)

16.1 PTES

Noted

16.2 PRES

Noted

16.3 Education Scotland annual Engagement Report

Noted

17. A.O.B

Meeting closed at 1821