

Report from Curriculum, Quality and Student Experience Committee 1 February 2024

1.0 PURPOSE OF PAPER

For discussion

- 1.1 The paper is to highlight to the Board the business of the most recent Curriculum, Quality and Student Experience Committee meeting.

2.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The paper highlights the key items of approval and discussion at the Curriculum, Quality and Student Experience Committee meeting on 1 February 2024 and invites Board to ask any questions or make any comments regarding the business of the Committee.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)/ACTION(S) REQUIRED

- 3.1 I recommend that the Regional Board: -
- 3.1.1 Discuss the paper and raise any questions with the Committee members.

4.0 MEETING REPORT

- 4.1 The Committee met online.
- 4.2 **Presentation** The Committee had a presentation from Nikki Walker, Head of Sector Health Care, Supported Programmes and Support. It is a wide-ranging curriculum area and the Committee thanked Nikki for a very informative presentation.
- 4.3 **Mainstreaming and Equalities Outcomes Action Plan Update** The Committee welcomed Hilary Broatch as Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion Officer to her first meeting. Progress against actions is going well and the Committee approved the report.
- 4.4 **Corporate Parenting Plan Progress** Work is continuing to complete the actions still outstanding. There is a renewed focus on mentoring and the Pastoral Team have recently completed trauma informed training. The Committee noted the report.

- 4.5 **Student Welfare and Guidance Report** From October 2023 to January 2024 285 students received learning support intervention and 523 had been supported by the Welfare Team. A Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator has been appointed to provide triage for mental health support. The Committee noted the report and commended the amount of work being undertaken in this area.
- 4.6 **Mental Health Strategy Update** This was an update on progress against the College's Mental Health Action Plan. Again, good progress was being made with 13 out of 19 actions completed. The Committee noted the report and recognised the amount of work going on in this area.
- 4.7 **KPI Performance Update** Withdrawal rates have improved with more than 100 additional students retained over this time last year. Credit threshold at 97% so far with the additional 3% in planned delivery. Members noted the positive progress against KPIs.
- 4.8 **Quality and Development Update** This was an update on Education Scotland's Annual Engagement Visit which had resulted in a very positive report. Two areas for development were identified and progress is being made against these. The Committee congratulated everyone involved on the excellent report.
- 4.9 **BCSA Update** The Student President provided a very full and positive report of developments and activities in the Student Association.
- 4.10 **Student Satisfaction and Engagement Survey** This detailed the results from SFC's Annual National Student Learning Survey for 2022/23. Overall results for the College remained high, however response rates for part time students were lower than they could have been so plans are being put in place to help improve this in future years.
- 4.11 **Committee Self-Evaluation** This item was discussed offline and Members felt that since completing the evaluation the quality of reports had improved so no action required at this time.
- 4.12 **Meeting Schedule** This item was also discussed offline with Members confirming they are content with the current day/time of Thursday at 4.30pm for meetings.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 Financial Implications

5.2 Learner Implications

5.3 Staff Implications

5.4 Equality and Diversity Implications/Equality Impact Assessment

5.5 Sustainability/Environmental Implications

6.0 RISK COMMENTARY

- 6.1 The paper is for discussion and information, there are no proposed actions or decisions required.

7.0 CONCLUSION

- 7.1 Members are asked to raise questions about any of the items discussed at the Curriculum, Quality and Student Experience meeting, if required.

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Previous Board or College Committee Approvals: None

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