

UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2025/26

Role:

To oversee the continuous development and implementation of the University's Research Inspired Education Strategy, and the underpinning institutional regulatory and policy framework with due regard to the student interest in all consideration and decision making.

Responsibilities:

1. To formulate, continuously develop and enhance the Education Strategy, embedding excellence and ensuring articulation with the University's wider Strategic Plan.
2. To monitor the Implementation Plan for the Education Strategy, receiving regular reports to ensure effective implementation and monitor key projects
3. To identify key strategic risks and mitigate risks to the effective implementation of the Strategy, recommending areas for management action.
4. To approve new aligned strategies or major amendments to existing aligned strategies for Education such as the University's Assessment Strategy and Employability Strategy.
5. To consider amendments to Senate Regulations for submission to Senate for approval.
6. To approve, monitor and review University level policy and procedure, and academic codes of practice relating to learning, teaching, assessment and quality assurance for taught programmes, ensuring the ongoing maintenance of academic standards.
7. To oversee strategic alignment of Education, student support and wellbeing activities, to maximise student success and outcomes
8. To provide reports to Senate regarding the operation of academic quality assurance processes and the management of academic risk within the institution, to feed into the Annual Assurances given by Council.
9. To have strategic oversight of the enhancement of student employability and to receive reports on such activities.
10. To consider and approve the University's Access and Participation Plan and associated monitoring requirements for submission to the Office for Students.
11. To monitor relevant internal and external development to inform future strategy and policy, and making recommendations as appropriate to Senate.
12. To receive reports from other bodies within its sub-structure, considering enhancement opportunities and providing feedback, ensuring a continuous improvement approach to quality enhancement across the University.
13. To have due regard to protecting the student interest in all consideration and decision making, including ensuring compliance with Consumer Rights legislation and student protection requirements.
14. To consider, record and address the potential equal opportunity impacts of decisions made by the Committee (in accordance with the 'due regard' provisions of the Equality Act 2010).
15. To consider, record and address the potential academic freedom and freedom of speech implications of decisions made (in accordance with the Higher Education Freedom of Speech 2023, point 190 regulatory advice 24).

2025/26 Membership:

Role		Term
Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education) (Chair)	Professor L Jones (to 31 September) Ms L Ralphs (from 1 October)	Ex officio
Deputy Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education) (Deputy Chair)	Professor Sandeep Handa	Ex officio
The College Deans of Education	Professor Karl Herbert (CLS) Professor Merv Roy (CSE) Ms Tracey Dodman (CSSAH) Ms Linda Ralphs (CoB) (to 31 September) TBC (from 1 October)	Ex officio
Dean of Personal Tutoring	Professor Richard Craggs	Ex officio
Director of the Education Academy	Professor Sarah Gretton	Ex officio
Four further members of the academic staff of the University	Dr Tessa Webb (CLS) Dr Richard Blackburn (CSE) Dr Sarah Graham (CSSAH) Dr Jennifer Cole-Wright (CoB)	3 years
Academic Registrar	Ms Eleanor Jackson	Ex officio
University Librarian	Mr Steve Williams	Ex officio
Lay member of Council (appointed by Nominations Committee)	Mr Richard Tapp	1 year, and can be renewed for one further term
Students' Union (SU) Education Officer	Ms Aishwarya Kote	1 year, which may be renewed should the post-holder be re-elected
Students' Union representative, nominated by the SU	Ms Grace Lewis-Bettison	1 year, which may be renewed should the post-holder be re-elected
Head of Education Services	Mrs Dawn Kemp	Ex officio
Director of Careers and Employability	Ms Jo Wheldon	Ex Officio
Director of Student Services and Belonging	Ms Angela Truby	Ex Officio
Director of Digital Solutions	Ms Alison Phillips	Ex Officio