

## **Addendum to Student Participation Policy for 2024/25**

At a meeting involving a range of key stakeholders in September about longer term development of the Student Participation Policy and review of available data, it was confirmed that School Attendance Panels must only be used as a last resort.

A range of factors above and beyond attendance, such as other forms of engagement including engagement with online materials, library access and ongoing academic attainment must be taken into account before a Personal Tutor escalates the matter to consider a student's ongoing enrolment at a School Attendance Panel.

At the aforementioned meeting, it was agreed that if a Personal Tutor reached the stage that it was thought that such a panel meeting was necessary, they must submit a brief case to Professor Abi Moriarty, PVC Education and Students for approval, before scheduling a panel event. This case should simply comprise a brief e-mail outlining the case, providing assurance that all relevant engagement factors have been taken into account when determining a panel is absolutely necessary.

The above provides an appropriate safeguard ensuring the Student Participation Policy, is upheld to the intent desired.

A full review of the University's approach to student attendance, engagement and participation will be undertaken in Spring 2025 and include review of the escalation process and supporting systems and processes.

This review shall mean the current Student Participation Policy is disestablished from the 2025/26 academic year, with Part B of the University General Regulations to be revamped, setting out the new approach and relevant processes.