
Education and Training Committee – 24 March 2020

Reverse the decision to withdraw approval – Middlesex University – BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Science, FT (Full time)

Executive summary and recommendations

During October and November 2019, the Education Department liaised with the programme leader of the three year BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Science programme at Middlesex University. During these discussions, it appeared the education provider no longer ran this programme. We therefore advised the provider to submit a programme closure form, which they submitted for this programme.

As part of these discussions, the education provider also informed us they would shortly be seeking approval for a four year bachelors BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Science programme. We subsequently advised the education provider to submit a major change notification form as this would be a change to their existing approved three year programme.

On 6 November 2019, Education and Training Panel agreed to withdraw ongoing approval from the programme. This was upon receipt of consent from the education provider to close the programme in late October 2019. As per the information from the education provider, the last graduation date of this programme was 30 June 2019.

Following the Panel, we informed the education provider of this outcome and continued to liaise about the possible “new” programme. We received a major change notification form on 20 January 2020. From subsequent discussions and the form, it is clear that the “new” four year BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Science programme is not a completely distinct programme, rather it is a change to the previously approved programme. Therefore, it may be possible to approve the changes via the major change process.

Decision

The Committee is asked to discuss whether it is appropriate to reverse the decision reached on 6 November 2019 to withdraw approval from the BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Science, full time programme.

The Committee may decide to:

- reverse the decision to withdraw approval, allowing the major change notification form to be processed for the revised programme.
- agree with the decision to withdraw approval and require the four year BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science programme to be reviewed by an approval visit.

In reaching this decision, the Executive asks that the Committee:

- provides reasons for their decision; and
- provides the Executive with any necessary instructions to give effect to the decision.

Background information

- None

Resource implications

- None

Financial implications

- None

Appendices

- None

Date of paper

12 March 2020