

TLSD Academic Development and Policy (ADP) Bulletin – interim Bulletin May 2020

A number of new/updated guidance documents have recently been issued, in light of the current Coronavirus outbreak. Please see the following for information:

1. Updates to programme approval, amendment and withdrawal procedures

TLG Executive have approved a more agile approach for approving new programmes and for making amendments to programmes (including withdrawal and suspension) for 2020 entry.

This also includes extending some deadlines so that programme teams are supported in the best ways possible to plan for the next academic session and beyond, whilst also remaining compliant with sector and regulatory bodies.

A dedicated section has been developed within the Academic Development and Policy area of the TLSD webpages to provide an overview of these arrangements including some University-level key principles, along with updated guidance and modified templates. The URL for this section is: <https://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/tlso/quality/development-programmes/corona-updates/>

This information has already been shared with Faculty teaching and learning leads for onward dissemination, but has been updated today to include additional guidance specifically for circumstances where consideration is being given to delaying the start of a PGT programme.

2. New Guidance on Examination Boards and Assessment and Progression in Campus Solutions during the current Coronavirus pandemic

TLG Executive have approved two further guidance documents for staff to ensure that the impact of COVID-19 is considered consistently across all areas of the University when progressing or graduating students this academic year.

The documents – Guidance on Examination Boards and Guidance on Assessment and Progression in Campus Solutions can be found on StaffNet at <https://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/tlso/corona-updates/>

3. Student disciplinary hearings: updated guidance

The Division of Campus Life has produced guidance to assist staff members dealing with student disciplinary hearings. The Student Disciplinary Hearings (Covid-19 implications) document contains information about how student disciplinary hearings should be held in the current situation, including paper-based versus remote hearings.

A student-specific FAQs style guidance document and form has also been produced.

In the links below you will find the latest versions of these student discipline guidance documents for use whilst the University campus is closed (probably extending whilst social distancing continues):

- Full Student Disciplinary Hearings (Covid-19 implications) guidance (includes student facing documents too): <http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/DocuInfo.aspx?DocID=48704>
- Student specific guidance and form: <http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/DocuInfo.aspx?DocID=49121>

The documents can also be found on the TLSD ADP webpages: Additional policy guidance in response to the Coronavirus outbreak: <https://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/tlso/corona-updates/>

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