HARPER ADAMS UNIVERSITY

Board of Governors

Summary Report on the Business of Academic Board

This report provides a summary of the meeting of the Academic Board held on 14th November 2018. The Board of Governors is asked to note this report.

1. The Board noted under Matters Arising:
   updated, that student characteristic data at module achievement level was not yet available and that the Tier

2. The Board considered a paper outlining key student indicators at an institutional level. The Board endorsed the recommended action in hand and agreed additionally that the University should investigate whether action planning arising from National Student Survey and Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey data (both normally available in August) could be used to inform change in time for the start of term in the same calendar year, given the deterioration in some indicators, notwithstanding an overall positive outcome, in relation to overall satisfaction levels. The Board noted a significant improvement in overall first year progression rates and excellent final year achievement outcomes. The Board also noted the challenging admissions environment although significant staff effort had resulted in acceptable levels of new undergraduate enrolments, following higher levels of late cycle activity than normal.

3. The Board received a report on student outcomes (access, on-course success and progression beyond graduation) scrutinised by student characteristics, including of under-represented or disadvantaged groups. The Board noted a positive picture overall, with almost all metrics moving in the right direction and gaps between student groups closing, albeit some at a slower pace than others. It was noted that the gender performance gap in terms of attainment still required attention across course areas.

4. The Board

provision normally returns a small surplus. The information would be presented again at a later date, including for Governor consideration.

11. The Board received and endorsed a progress report on the Risk Analysis and Action Plan 2018/19. The Board noted that Risk 22 relating to the
from low to low/medium.

12. The Board received and endorsed a paper summarising new course development and suspension recommendations from the Programme Approvals Committee (PAC) meetings held on 26th April, 24th July, 20th September and 22nd October 2018.

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