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Minutes of the meeting of the University Academy of Engineering Learning & Teaching Committee
held at 3.30 pm on Monday, 6 November 2017
University Academy of Engineering - Trafalgar Street, London SE17 2TP

Present

Lesley Morrison (Chair)
Rao Bhamidimarri
Steve French
Tony Roberts
John Taylor

Apologies

Karen Fowler
Claire Viner

In attendance

Natalie Ferer
Alexander Enibe

1. Welcome and apologies

The chair welcomed the governors to the meeting.

The committee welcomed the new clerk, Alexander Enibe.

The above apologies were noted.

2. Declarations of interest

No governor declared a conflict of interest in any item on the agenda.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 10 May 2017.

4. Matters arising

The committee noted the good turnout at the opening event in September 2017 of around 300 students.

5. Learning areas report

The committee noted an update on learning areas from the Principal. A fuller report would be provided at the next meeting of 28 February 2017, following a detailed review of learning in January 2018.

The Principal has identified initial weaknesses in the departments of Design and Engineering, and Computer Science. Interventions would be assessed following the students' exams in January 2018. This will provide a clearer picture of where interventions are needed.

The committee noted that the Head of Design Technology has resigned and will be leaving at the end of the term. The current Director of Design Technology will be taking over as Head of Department. A new Design Technology teacher was being recruited to start in January.

The committee expressed concern over the decline in performance of some groups of students, especially in Year 10.

6. Student progress report

The committee noted the student progress report presented by the Principal.

The report shows that 66% of students are making better or expected progress towards their targets.

A new model of assessment is being introduced to measure the performance of each student preparing for GCSEs. Students will receive two progress reports a year.

Interventions for students will take place following mock GCSE exam, in January 2018.

The committee requested another student progress report at the next meeting of 28 February 2018.

7. Quality of Teaching

The committee discussed the review of quality of teaching including the teaching and learning development cycle.

A performance management cycle, department review and teacher support plans are being introduced.

OFSTED criteria and students' feedback will be used as part of teachers' assessment.

An external expert will be used to measure the performance of the senior leadership team in improving the quality of teaching.

8. Review pupil attendance and exclusions

The committee discussed the Attendance and Behaviour report.

The committee discussed the measures being taken to address the dip in attendance and behaviour of some students.

Date of next meeting
3.30 pm, on Monday, 5 March 2018

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