

Response to External Examiner Report

Academic Year	2017/2018	
Subject Area / awards covered	BA (Hons) Accounting and Financial Management LSBM207 Auditing in Context LSBM208 Computer Application in Accounting LSBM210 Taxation LSBM311 Internship	
Examiner's name	Kwasi Afawubo	
Collaborative arrangements – list all Collaborative Partners (if applicable)	University of Northampton	
Has the report been shared with Collaborative partners?		YES
If NO above, why was this?		
Has this response been prepared in liaison with Collaborative partners?		YES
Section A – Threshold academic standards		
A1 – Maintaining Academic Standards: Are all responses positive*?		YES
Examiner's comments for action	<p>No action required; instead the External Examiner noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> all assessment provisions follow the required standards of the respective professional bodies. the programme leadership and teaching team are very much aware of the requirements of the above professional bodies as demonstrated in the teaching and learning materials used. 	
Action to be taken	No action required.	
Person responsible	N/A	
Deadline	N/A	
A2 – Measuring achievement, rigour and fairness: Are all responses positive*?		YES
Examiner's comments for action	No action required.	
Action to be taken	N/A	
Person responsible	N/A	
Deadline	N/A	
A3 – Comparability of standards and student performance: Are all responses positive*?		YES
Examiner's comments for action	<p>None as the External Examiner strongly agreed on the comparability of standards and student performance on our Accounting and Financial Management degrees with those at other HEIs.</p> <p>The External Examiner commented in particular on the appropriate nature of our assessments which he considered to include clear and detailed instructions. He commented also on the detailed provision of online feedback for easy and quick reference by students, and the fact that students are provided with relevant reading lists and links to</p>	

	enhance their learning experience.
Action to be taken	N/A
Person responsible	N/A
Deadline	N/A
Section B – Quality & Enhancement	
Examiner's suggestions for action	The External Examiner suggested staff consider a review of the weighting of the Research Proposals.
Action to be taken (If suggestions were made but no action is to be taken, please justify)	Action point: The proposal to reduce the weighting of the Research Proposal will be discussed at Course Committee and relevant documents will be submitted to our Quality Assurance and Enhancement Committee for recommended approval by our Academic Committee prior to submission to the University of Northampton for final approval.
Person(s) responsible	Usha Mistry
Deadline	Completed
Has the examiner made any recommendations for action by the Faculty, or by the University?	NO
Date of Student-Staff Liaison Committee (SSLC) when report and response will be discussed with student representatives:	Scheduled to take place end-October or early November 2018. Exact date to be confirmed.
Date of interim review to monitor progress with any actions:	N/A – no actions recommended, suggestions only.
Did the examiner meet students in 2017/18? (Face to face or 'virtual' meetings)	YES
If YES above, did the examiner's report provide you with useful feedback?	YES
If NO, please state what opportunities the external examiner will have to meet students in 2017-18, including 'virtual' meetings if face to face meetings are not feasible.	
Please note any areas of good practice identified by the external examiner which you would like to share with other programme teams.	
The External Examiner noted the following area of good practice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are provided with detailed weekly online materials to support their studies outside normal contact hours. 	
Response completed by:	Usha Mistry
Date:	9 August 2018

*positive response = either 'broadly agree' or 'strongly agree'

NB If the examiner has given any **negative responses** ('generally disagree' or 'strongly disagree', you will be required to produce an action plan specifically addressing the issues raised. This will need to

be approved by the Faculty Quality & Standards Committee in the autumn term before being forwarded to AQSC.

The action plan should be added as an appendix to your Annual Review Action Plan and monitored throughout the year.