EXTRACT FROM ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND QUALITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

**5 December 2019**

19.91 DEGREE CLASSIFICATION DESCRIPTIONS

It was noted the QAA and UK Standing Committee for Quality Assessment had published in October 2019, as Annex D to the Framework of Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ), a set of common degree classification descriptions which set out agreed general criteria that students across the UK should meet in order to achieve the different classes of qualification at bachelor’s honours degree level: <https://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/quality-code/annex-d-outcome-classification-descriptions-for-fheq-level-6-and-fqheis-level-10-degrees.pdf?sfvrsn=824c981_10>

Professor Farley confirmed that the University’s generic assessment criteria for level 6 mark bands broadly aligned with the descriptions. She would discuss the new descriptions with other Associate Deans and consider any necessary adjustments.

The External Examiners’ Handbook and report forms and the Assessment Handbook would be updated to include references to this resource.

AGREED: that the Faculties and CHERP take note of the descriptions in their ongoing development of assessment practice.