**PARTNERSHIP HANDBOOK**

Key changes made to the handbook since July/August 2018.

The revisions relate to:

* revised procedures for approval of new partners and University outcentres (November 2018 and July 2020) (H and Appendices 6, 7, 9 and 11);
* new status of Affiliate Students for students on franchised courses and a sub-category of Ulster University Overseas Students for those attending an Affiliate College or University outcentre abroad (July 2020) (D, V4, Y4 (previously X4), Appendices 4 and 8);
* inclusion of guidelines on minimum and maximum cohort sizes (intake) (October 2018) (I2, P2 and Appendix 18);
* inclusion of Principles for use of Chair’s action (APAG) (September 2018) (I2, L, P2, S and Appendix 19);
* revised procedures for course monitoring (Continuous Assurance of Quality Enhancement) (June 2019) (N3 and Appendices 50 and 51);
* revised University guidance on Employability and removal of separate guidance on entrepreneurship and personal development planning (June 2019) (I3, P3 and Appendix 21);
* revised format for evaluation and revalidation documentation, aide-memoire and agenda for meeting, provision of assessment rubrics (June 2019) (Appendices 22, 27 and 34) and reduced deadlines for completion of documentation following events (October 2018) (I8, J9, P8, Q9 and Appendix 17);
* inclusion of Principles for assuring standards and quality in withdrawn courses (March 2019) (M, T and Appendix 46);
* revision to Code of Practice for External Examining to allow external examiners to moderate samples of the work of candidates assessed internally as first class or distinction (hitherto all to be seen), and to require sampling at classification boundaries (June 2019) (N2, U2 and Appendix 49);
* inclusion of guidance on appointment of recognised teachers at outcentres (November 2018) (Y8 (previously X8));
* clarification of Associate student rights in the University library (October 2019) (O3);
* new University Strategy for Learning and Teaching Excellence (November 2019) (A8, Appendix 25);
* updated course handbook template (May 2020) (Appendix 39);
* new senior management roles (May 2020) (August 2021) (*passim*);
* guidance on chairing of boards of examiners for validation courses (June 2021) (K5);
* information on dual awards (June 2021) (D, H5, W, new section X and renumbering of remaining sections and paragraphs);
* new medical degree (MBBS) (March 2021) (D47, 52, Appendix 1).