ULSTER UNIVERSITY Paper No CPF/19/16

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS FORUM Agenda Item 14

2 October 2019

STUDENTS CODED U1 APPLYING TO NEIGHBOURING COLLEGE

To consider a paper looking at the issue of students coded U1 who apply to another College for a place on the same course within a 12 month period..

ACTION

For consideration.

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**Question: How do we ensure a student coded U1 does not apply to a neighbouring college?**

Students coded U1 are withdrawn may not apply to the same/similar course or part-time version of the course in the next academic year.

So a student who has withdrawn from one college, should not be able to reapply to another college and take up a place on the same course within a 12 month period.  Yet, there are examples of students attempting to do so this year, e.g in counselling.

I can see that this may be picked up by Course Directors at interview if they admit to a previous course, and if run past the FPM a record might be checked – yet students might not disclose and apply based on A’Levels. It might also be picked up at progress boards, if the FPM recognises a student from a previous college – but this is unlikely.

Could we please consider and clarify the mechanism through which we would identify and communicate fraudulent applications within the Collaboration, given the legitimate interest of this information.

Thank you

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