

HEAR update for Academic Board

Following the National HEAR Update Conference 4 November in November, YSJ's HEAR Working Group met 11 December 2009 to discuss issues raised at the conference and plan next steps. The Registrar and Deputy Registrar met with the Dean for Learning Development, faculty representatives and Student Union representatives. The current proposal from YSJ, based on the Phase Two template, was discussed and the Deputy Registrar shared with the group a timeline and a table with which to collect information across the University on the gathering, importing and processing of additional student record information necessary for the proposed HEAR solution; placement details, dissertation titles, trip abroad/other similar experience, Student Union roles, University roles, prizes, programme aims, YSJU attributes. The following timeline was agreed:

Process Timeline

- January Deputy Registrar liaises with faculties and SU to complete the HEAR requirements fact-finding table
- February to March Deputy Registrar works with faculties and departments on sourcing and storing all relevant information from their local files/databases
- April to May This additional information is imported into SITS
- May to June Students can use their e:Vision screens to access preliminary HEAR information
- June to July Students can view their full HEAR information online, with module and award results

Expected Outputs

The central HEAR project team have asked institutions to produce a HEAR for all undergraduate level 3 July finishers. In the interests of parity with other institutions, this HEAR report is not to be formally released to the students; the point of the exercise is to test scalability of university data capture processes and mechanisms after having trialled this with only a handful of subject areas last year.

- May to June Level 3 students can access their 'extended student record/extended transcript', consisting of data that will eventually form part of a HEAR
- July Following semester 2 SAPs and July Board of Examiners meeting, all students will see their results in the usual manner on e:Vision
- November Graduating students will be presented with their certificates and their transcript and diploma supplement, as before, but will still be able to access their extended student record on e:Vision, within an 'Alumni' area.

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What is the HEAR?

"The HEAR is a single document, based on and developed from the current academic transcript, and incorporating the European Diploma Supplement. It contains a wider range of information than the current academic transcript and more fully captures the strengths and weaknesses of the student's performance. It will also contain information about academic credit which links directly to the national credit framework for the part of the UK in which the award is made. Core content is common to all institutions, who are free to add additional information as they see fit. The HEAR will be[come] the central vehicle for recording all university-level undergraduate higher education student achievement in all UK HEIs."