

## Section 2: Introduction to quality

# Duties and responsibilities of Module Convenors and Module Leads for Branch Campuses

Useful definitions:

**Module Convenor**: The academic member of staff responsible for setting the aims and learning outcomes of the module and, alongside other staff who teach on the module, for ensuring that the delivery and assessment of the module, including resource considerations, setting and marking of formative and summative assessments, facilitates the achievement of the stated learning outcomes and the quality of the assessment process for the module.

**Module Lead**: The academic member of staff responsible for the delivery of the aims and learning outcomes of the module at the branch campus and for ensuring that content and assessment are appropriate in the relevant geographical context.

**Note: The Module Convenor is ordinarily based at UoR in the UK and the Module Lead at the branch campus. However in some instances this may be different where a module is developed and convened from the branch campus**

## Duties and responsibilities

Below is an outline of the roles of Module Convenor and Module Lead in more detail. It is recognized there will be variation in practice depending on implementation and administrative structures within Schools.

### 1. Teaching materials

Module Convenors are responsible for:

- Ensuring the Module Lead has access to all teaching materials used to deliver the module in the UK, via Blackboard<sup>1</sup>; where there is more than one intake of students in an academic year (e.g. September and January, for Part 1 undergraduate modules; September, January and April for Foundation programmes), this will involve ensuring content is rolled over to all relevant BB modules for the branch campus.
- Reviewing any local teaching materials developed by the Module Lead;

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<sup>1</sup> N.B. Talis Aspire should only be used to create reading lists for modules delivered at our Whiteknights or London Road campuses. For all other modules, please contact your Academic Liaison Librarian for further advice.

- Responding to any queries the Module Lead may have regarding the content, aims, or outcomes of the module.

Module Leads are responsible for:

- Directing questions about the content, aims or intended learning outcomes of the module to the Module Convenor;
- Developing teaching materials to ensure appropriateness for the local context and benefit from local expertise.
- Managing the relevant occurrence(s) of the Blackboard module site;
- Responding to student questions regarding studying the module.

## 2. Resources

Module Convenors are responsible for ensuring that the Module Lead has a copy of all relevant reading lists, via Blackboard.

Module Leads are responsible for liaising with the Resource Officer at the branch campus to ensure that students have access to relevant textbooks and other readings. In Malaysia, a local library will provide a small number of copies of the relevant textbooks. Alternatively students may purchase their own copies. Access to the ARC online and to the UoR electronic library will be made available to students.

## 3. Assessment

Module Convenors are responsible for:

- Ensuring all assessments are appropriate to the module;
- Liaising with all Module Leads to ensure appropriateness of exam questions during the setting and approval of exam papers;

Module Leads are responsible for:

- Contributing examination questions for exam papers, in collaboration with the Module Convenor;
- Writing assessments, in collaboration with the Module Convenor;

## 4. Marking

Module Convenors are responsible for:

- Ensuring consistency of marking across the module via the moderation process;
- Ensuring feedback is provided within the guidelines set by the University for quality and timeliness;
- Following the School standard's policy for the moderation of formative and summative assessments; and
- Ensuring the Module Convenor (or a designated member of staff) is responsible for providing support (initially) to new UoRM academic staff (in the same manner that a new member of academic staff based at UoR would receive support) on University marking and feedback procedures including the quality of the feedback, as applied within the School.

Module Leads are responsible for:

- Providing feedback, both formative and summative, to students;
- Marking relevant coursework and examinations; and
- Where appropriate, to provide moderation of marking and feedback on work completed for other modules.

## 5. Quality Assurance

Modules will have the same External Examiners regardless of where they are delivered. Therefore any student work or the setting of examination papers currently subject to External Examiner scrutiny must continue to be scrutinised for those students undertaking modules at branch campuses.

Furthermore, the Module Convenor (or other designated staff member), in liaison with the Module Lead, must ensure that student evaluation of the module is undertaken at branch campuses and that students are informed of any response made or action taken as a result of student feedback. Reporting on the performance of the module at branch campuses as well as at UoR is to be included within Annual Programme reports. Comparison of UK versus Malaysia performance on programmes should form part of the examination board process.

## 6. Timing of content

Programme Directors/Module Convenors must be mindful of the delivery of modules at branch campuses when making changes to assignments / developing new content for modules. In the case of UoRM, the academic year begins a week after the UK in 2014 and 2015 and runs on a 12-12-10 academic year structure.

## 7. Working Relationships

Whilst Module Leads will report locally to the Head of Section for their respective School for day-to-day line management, they should be considered as forming part of the academic community of that School. It is the responsibility of the School to which they belong to ensure that a close working relationship is formed in terms of both teaching and research activities.