



University Advisory Board – Terms of Reference

Role

The aim of the University Advisory Board (UAB) is to provide advice and support to the Chief Executive of the Gibraltar Regulatory Authority in its role as the Gibraltar University Regulatory Commission or the Gibraltar Authority for Standards in Higher Education.

Terms of reference

The terms of reference require the UAB to:

- Advise the GRA on the design and operation of the regulatory framework and the Memorandum of Regulation
- Review the effectiveness of the Memorandum of Regulation after the two year transitional period and periodically thereafter
- Review the GRA's annual risk assessment of the University
- Take into account the outcomes of student complaints submitted to the Public Services Ombudsman
- Consider and provide advice on unforeseen adverse developments affecting the University's quality and standards, financial sustainability or internal control including providing advice on the engagement of external organisations to undertake independent reviews
- Monitor the autonomy and academic freedom of the University.

Status

The status of the University Advisory Board is that it reports to the GRA Chief Executive.

Meetings

The UAB will meet twice per year in normal circumstances: in September/October* to review the work of the work of the GRA in connection with the University and its plans for the current academic year; and in March/April to consider the outcomes of the annual assurance process. It may exceptionally need to meet at other times in the event of exceptional adverse developments affecting the University.

*In 2018-19 which is a transitional year, the UAB planning meeting will be in January 2019.

Annual report

The UAB will produce an annual report of its work which will be published.

Membership and attendance

The UAB will comprise three independent members with expertise in governance, regulation and higher education, one of whom shall be the Chair, and the Deputy Chief Executive of the Gibraltar Regulatory Authority.

The Head of Higher Education Regulation and the officer designated as Board Secretary will be in attendance. The Vice-Chancellor of the University will be invited to attend meetings except for reserved agenda items.

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