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ABS PROGRAMMES STEERING COMMITTEE (PSC)

TERMS OF REFERENCE:

The role of the PSC is to provide guidance to the Executive of ABS to support policy formation in the broad areas of:

- teaching,
- learning,
- curriculum development, and quality enhancement
- quality assurance, and
- accreditation

of undergraduate and taught postgraduate programmes as they affect business and management education. The Committee is to act as a *think tank* and advisory body to the Executive. Its remit is comprehensive in terms of issues, current and emerging. In particular, with respect to the above mentioned areas the PSC will seek to:

- develop and articulate policy within ABS's strategic plan including a commitment to support the Higher Education Academy Subject Centre for Business, Management, Accountancy and Finance
- promote evidence-informed good practice in business schools in supporting the quality of the student learning experience for all types of students on all types of taught programmes in business and management education
- encourage and, as appropriate, support ABS members in achieving their goals
- invite dialogue with policy makers and ABS members on learning, teaching, curriculum development, quality enhancement, quality assurance and accreditation, by means of, for example. talks, questionnaires, and engaging with requests for information
- to represent and promote the collective interests of ABS members with government and other bodies and constituencies as appropriate
- proactively monitor and communicate changes in policy and performance
- help facilitate an annual one-day workshop on key issues
- contribute to the enhancement of the Development Programme for Heads of Teaching and Learning.

The PSC will also need to respond to and feed into the newly created ABS Policy Subgroup. The remit of the Subgroup is overarching in terms of business school provision and focuses on ABS policy development.

The normal line of communication between PSC and the Executive of ABS will be through the PSC Chair who will present Committee minutes, papers and reports to Executive meetings. The Executive will feedback comments and decisions *via* the PSC Chair.

RSC will meet at least twice a year depending on work load.

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