

Principal's Strategy Group Meeting 8 April 2013

Amongst the items discussed were:

1. Final Annual Plan Submissions 2013-2016

The Heads of College and Support Groups summarised any significant changes made to the draft Annual Plan submissions following the discussion and feedback received from PSG and the on-going refinements.

Discussions are still taking place with regard to a number of plans but the general view was positive that all plans would be finalised in advance of the F&GPC meeting scheduled for the 29th of April.

2. Proposals for the Allocation of Resources 2013-2014

The Group discussed and endorsed the proposals for the allocation of resources as they currently stand.

PSG also endorsed plans to reconsider the resource allocation model and the proposed new approach for managing reserve drawdowns across the University.

3. NSS Results Strategy

The Group acknowledged that the often complex issues highlighted by the NSS results would not necessarily be quick to fix as there is a need for a degree of cultural change in addition to the introduction of more targeted and straightforward practices and procedures.

PSG noted the five sets of actions outlined in the paper by Vice Principal Rigby and recommended that they be further enhanced by the addition of priorities and timescales. While it was acknowledged that specific circumstances can lead to local variations in the best way to maximise improvements the Group generally felt that the introduction of a fixed deadline for the receipt of feedback should be agreed as a standard across the University.

PSG endorsed the proposals outlined in the paper and gave their approval for Vice Principal Rigby to take forward the initiatives in consultation with other departments including Academic Registry, IAD, HR and IS as appropriate.

If resource requirements are identified as work progresses then they should be taken through the committee structure and then to Finance & General Purposes Committee.