DIGNITY, RESPECT AND INCLUSION POLICY

OVERVIEW AND PURPOSE

- approach to supporting dignity, respect, equality, diversity and inclusion for everyone in the University community, to make individuals aware of their responsibilities in relation to the policy, to define key terms, and to signpost to relevant procedures and associated documents flowing from the policy (see Annex A for more details).
- 1.2 The University is committed to promoting equality and to creating an inclusive working, learning and living environment where all members of our diverse community can know that they belong and are treated fairly and with respect and dignity, in order to enable everyone to achieve their full potential.
- 1.3 Part of this includes compliance with the Equality Act (2010) and other relevant legislation which helps by providing a legal framework to protect people from discrimination, harassment and victimisation in their place of work or study.
- 1.4 As a Higher Education Institution, the University has specific equality duties that also require it to have due regard to the need to:

Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation; and

Advance equality of opportunity, and to foster good relations, between ² and persons who do not share it.

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- 2.1 This policy applies all members of the University Community (see 3.2) including staff3 and students and relates to both individual and collective activities and dealings with others. It also extends to those who provide services to us, and to visitors to our campus.
- 3. RESPONSIBILITIES
- 3.1 University Council
- 3.1.1 equality obligations and for the approval of this Policy.
- 3.2 All members of the University Community⁴
 - 3.2.1 All members of the University community have a responsibility to:

read this policy and adhere to it and all associated procedures and policies flowing from it, as outlined in this document (as relevant to their roles); and

complete all mandatory in-person and online training associated with this policy and associated procedures and policies, as required.

- 3.3 Managers, Academics and Advisors
 - 3.3.1 Managers, academics and advisors who are professionally involved in staff and student support, development and supervision have specific responsibilities for the implementation of this policy to:

take the lead in promoting a culture of dignity, respect, inclusion, free speech and academic freedom;

implement all relevant policies and practice to support fair treatment in work and study; and

take timely, relevant action to resolve concerns using the appropriate procedure.

- 3.4 Governance
- 3.4.1 The University Executive People and Oulture Board (or such relevant Executive governance committee as is established) is responsible for monitoring implementation of this policy, including monitoring and reviewing its performance, and the effectiveness of this policy and associated procedures. An annual assurance report will be provided for Council/Strategy and Performance Committee (or such relevant Council governance committee as is established) and other relevant committees.

³ Staff includes, whether renumerated or not, senior managers, officers and directors; employees (whether permanent, fixed-term, temporary, or casual); contract, seconded, and agency staff; volunteers, apprentices and interns; and others associated with (i.e. performing services for or on behalf of) the University (for example, agents and consultants)

members of University Council.

- 4. POLICY
- 4.1 General Principles

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- without intending to. Whichever form it takes it will often cause embarrassment, fear, humiliation or distress to an individual or group of individuals.
- 4.3.2.4 Bullying may be by an individual against another individual (perhaps but not only by someone in a position of authority such as a manager or tutor) or against groups of people (a person may act in a bullying manner towards several colleagues). Smilarly, a group of people may also be responsible for bullying behaviour towards an individual or other group (for example, if a group of staff members act in a way that leaves an individual or group feeling isolated or excluded). People in positions of authority can be bullied by those who are not

- adapted keyboard to a member of staff with arthritis who has difficulty typing with a standard keyboard.
- 4.3.8.2 A member of staff or student will be considered to have a disability for the purposes of their right to reasonable adjustments, as defined above, if they have a physical or mental impairment; and the impairment has a substantial and longterm adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.
- 4.3.8.3 Managers should work proactively and collaboratively with staff to put in place workplace adjustments. Effective workplace adjustments remove barriers to enable staff to fulfil their potential and benefits the University. See further details of the reasonable adjustments toolkit in Appendix A.
- 4.3.9 Violent Behaviour
- 4.3.9.1 Violence is the intentional use of physical force, threatened or actual, against another person, or against a group or community, which either results in or has a high likelihood of resulting in death, disability, injury, or harm (physical or psychological).
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policy), violence includes: workplace violence, sexual violence and misconduct, domestic violence, coercive or controlling behaviour, stalking, hate crime, cyber abuse, and so-

5. BREACH OF THIS POLICY

- 5.1 We encourage any staff member or student who considers that they have been the victim of discrimination, harassment, bullying or victimisation to follow the process for resolution accessible through the links in Annex A, as applicable.
- Any breach of this policy may be considered to be a disciplinary matter and be dealt with in accordance with the applicable procedure (See Annex A for further details). Making an allegation in bad faith, or that the complainant knows to be untrue may be considered to be a

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Annex A - List of relevant policies and resources

Routes for Resolution
Report and Support Tool

Staff Disciplinary Procedure
Staff Grievance Procedure
Student Complaints Procedure
Student Discipline Procedure
Complaints Procedure for Members of the Public

Social Media Guidelines and Tips
Definitions of Violence
Transitioning at Work: Guidance for Staff and Managers
Transitioning at Work Policy
Relationships Policy
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion homepage