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1.0 Purpose

1.1 Sabhal Mòr Ostaig (SMO) is a Partner College of the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) and is responsible for Student Engagement with all its students.

1.2 The purpose of this policy is to define our intentions to involve and empower students in the process of shaping their learning experience, in their journey towards becoming autonomous, independent learners.

1.3 SMO is committed to working with all students, either as individuals and/or as groups, to help them develop the skills and confidence to be actively involved in the organisation of their own learning and student experience, regardless of their mode of study, age, disability, gender, race, religion, sexuality or transgender status.

2.0 Definitions

2.1 *'Student Engagement is the involvement and empowerment of students in the process of shaping the student learning experience, to inform the College's quality systems with the purpose of improving the student educational experience for both current and future cohorts.'* (The QAA UK Quality Code Chapter B5, Student Engagement).

2.2 Sabhal Mòr Ostaig defines its commitment to the development of independent learners and student engagement as follows:

The College is committed to the concept of the independent learner, we encourage a shared responsibility for learning which enhances learning and enriches the overall student experience.

2.3 We will create a sense of community and a shared commitment to learning, development and responsibility with our students so that they consider themselves co-partners and active participants in their learning.

2.4 We will actively engage students to participate in our quality assurance and enhancement procedures so that their views more fully inform course development and delivery.

3.0 The Policy

3.1 All students will be actively encouraged and supported to be involved in student engagement activities to improve quality processes in a manner and at a level that is appropriate to them.

3.2 The College will foster an appropriate range of Student Engagement activities to establish a culture and environment where students are encouraged to take up the opportunities on offer.

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3.3 Quality systems and processes will facilitate the inclusion of individual and collective feedback from students.

3.4 Aspects of the educational journey into which students will be invited to offer insight into include:

- Application and Admission
- Induction, Progression, Programme and curriculum design, delivery and organisation
- Teaching and Learning
- Assessment
- Learning resources
- Student support and guidance
- Activities and other events beneficial to student morale throughout each academic session.
- Other areas identified by the student body

3.5 Support and information for students will be provided to ensure their understanding of student engagement and their individual and collective responsibilities in the process.

3.6 Training and monitoring will be provided for staff involved in the promotion and completion of student engagement activities.

3.7 The College will provide student engagement opportunities which will ensure equality of access for the entire student community, both collectively and as individuals.

Activities will include:

- Student representation on the College's Board of Directors and other academic committees
- Student Council
- Course representatives
- Cross College Student Voice
- Curriculum area activities
- Online student surveys
- Group tutorials

4.0 Implementation

4.1 It is the responsibility of all staff and managers involved in the delivery of teaching, learning, assessment and support of students to foster and promote student engagement opportunities across the College. Student Services, Learning and Teaching/Quality Assurance and the Director of Studies will lead the process, supported by staff who are responsible for ensuring that all students are aware of and able to access student engagement opportunities.

4.2 The Student Services Co-ordinator will be responsible for organising the Student Voice, Student Council activities, and Course Representative training activities.

4.3 Students will be informed and empowered to become involved in student engagement activities as a result of effective communication through Student Services, Learning and

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Teaching/Quality Assurance, Director of Studies and staff involved in teaching, assessing and supporting students. The communication strands include Blackboard, the College's Virtual Learning Environment, the Sabhal Mòr Ostaig newsletter, Group and individual tutorials, Student Handbook, and course representatives.

4.4 Appropriate training and briefing activities will be provided relevant to the level of student engagement for all students. These will range from induction briefings, to course representative/Comann nan Oileanach training sessions.

4.5 Teaching staff will be responsible for engaging with training and briefing activities, and to ensure effective dissemination and promotion of student engagement activities provided to students.

5.0 Staff and groups with specific responsibility:

- Depute Director of Studies: Learning and Teaching/Quality Assurance
- Director of Studies
- Student Services Co-ordinator

6.0 Monitoring, Review and Evaluation

6.1 The Depute Director of Studies - Learning and Teaching/Quality Assurance, in conjunction with the Student Services Co-ordinator, will monitor the effectiveness of the Student Engagement Policy to ensure that all students are supported and informed to provide feedback that is instrumental in Quality processes.

6.2 The Director of Studies and the Student Services Co-ordinator will review and monitor the effectiveness of Student Engagement opportunities throughout each academic session.