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Subject: **Conferment of Awards 2019/20 by the President on behalf of Senate**

Status: For Noting

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Executive summary

The 'Contingency Senate Regulations for Assessments and Conferment of Awards 2019/20' was approved on 8 July 2020 and delegated the authority to confer awards for 2019/20 graduands to Senate. For operational and data compliance reasons, the Quality and Standards Contingency Implementation Working Group agreed for the President to confer awards, on behalf of Senate.

On the 21 August 2020, the President, as Chair of Senate, approved the conferment of 3,364 awards across all Schools, LEaD and Validated Partners.

Please note that the President will be required to confer more students in monthly batches from August 2020 to December 2020, once these students successfully complete their programmes and are processed on SITS, following the second assessment period.

Action(s) required from the Committee:	<p>A. Senate is asked to note that 3,364 graduands were conferred via Chair's Action on 21st of August 2020.</p> <p>B. Senate is asked note the conferment stages and process.</p>
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The table below outlines which committees/groups have already seen the report and the resulting outcome/action from discussions.

Committee date	Committee title	Outcome/action	Action date	Paper version number
21 August 2020	Senate Chair	Approval Via Chair's Action	21 August 2020	

Conferment of Awards 2019/20 by the President on behalf of Senate.

Context

The 'Contingency Senate Regulations for Assessments and Conferment of Awards 2019/20' was approved by the President on behalf of Senate and was presented to Senate on 8 July 2020. Due to COVID-19 and the need for social distancing, the Regulations delegated the authority to confer awards for 2019/20 graduands to Senate.

For operational and data compliance reasons, the Quality and Standards Contingency Implementation Working Group agreed that the President will confer Awards, on behalf of Senate. This approach would ensure that we minimise any delays in sending certificates to students who would, in a normal year, have already received their certificates by now. It would also ensure, in line with GDPR requirements, the minimal movement of students' personal and sensitive data.

As some final year students took assessments during the second assessment period, conferment of awards is being phased and approved in batches from August until December 2020. Once conferred, students will receive their certificates. The certificates for August 2020's conferment have been sent to students.

Conferment of Awards up to 17 August 2020

The list of students who have successfully completed their studies and processed on SITS up to 5pm 17 August 2020 were approved by the President on 21 August 2020. An overview is provided in the table below:

School / Validation Partner	Number
Business School	643
CLS	593
SASS	951
SHS	458
SMCSE	644
LEaD	2
GSMD	2
ArtsEd	71
Total	3,364

Conferment of Awards made from 17 August 2020

There continues to be a small number of students being processed on SITS each day. Second Assessment Boards will award more students from September to December 2020 (allowing time for awards to be processed on SITS).

Therefore, students who successfully complete their studies and are processed on SITS after 5pm 17 August 2020 will be conferred by the President monthly (end of each month).

- A. Senate is asked to **note** that 3,364 graduands were conferred via Chair's Action on 21 August 2020.
- B. Senate is asked **note** the conferment stages and process.