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Sent by email to ockalingam@staffs.ac.uk

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Dear Professor Chockalingam,

Re: Institutional Response: External Examiner Annual Report 2016–2017

I am writing further to the receipt of your External Examiner's Report for the MSc in Orthopaedic Engineering Dissertation Stage Report.

Your Report has been considered by the School in accordance with our approved procedures. I am, therefore, now in a position to respond on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor to the main points you had raised.

Issues Highlighted

1. Attention to detail in some dissertations.
2. Critical analysis across the dissertations could be improved.
3. Quality of presentation could be improved/standardised.

The following response has been provided on behalf of the School:

1. Students are advised on how to present their dissertations appropriately however we will continue to remind them.
2. This feedback has been transmitted to academic supervisors.
3. Students are advised to include a title page and as identified in 1, we will continue to advise them on this.

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The University is pleased to note your positive comments including:

1. Your positive indications regarding the programme structure, academic standards and assessment process;

I hope that you will find this response satisfactory and we thank you for your continued support of the programme.

In order to meet the expectations of the QAA Quality Code, both the External Examiner Annual Report and this Institutional Response will be published on the University website and will be available to all students and staff.

The University's provision of the formal Institutional Response is not intended to constrain direct communication between schools and their External Examiners. Schools are encouraged to discuss with their External Examiners any matters of detail raised in their Reports and, more widely, any issues impacting on the quality and standards of awards, including possible changes to programmes.

We are most grateful for your comments and for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Simon Wright
Academic Registrar