

<b>Committee Title</b>	Student Voice					
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2018					
<b>Item Number and Title/Subject</b>	Motion to NUS Scotland					
<b>Paper Presenter</b>	Chris Daisley, Vice President SEBE					
<b>Brief Summary of Issues/Topic</b>	<p>The attached motion was approved by the Executive Committee on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 to be submitted to the NUS Scotland Conference.</p> <p>In 2012 the UK Quality Code was developed by staff, students and other stakeholders from across the UK as a nationally-agreed document that would define and outline the expectations all UK HE institutions are required to meet in relation to learning and teaching. The standards set out in the Quality Code provide a reference point for our quality system in Scotland and as part of the ELIR process, institutions have to demonstrate how they meet the Quality Code's expectations.</p> <p>The motion is in response to the <a href="#">Consultation on the Review of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education</a>.</p> <p>GCU, the Students' Association and NUS submitted responses to the consultation.</p>					
<b>Recommendation(s)</b>	Information	X	Discussion		Approval	
	Student Voice is asked to note the submitted motion to NUS Scotland Conference.					
<b>Who have you consulted when developing the paper?</b>	Executive Committee					
<b>Staff/Student Protocol</b>	Yes		No	X	N/A	
<b>Will any decision approved directly affect the work of staff?</b>						
<b>Should the paper be submitted to any other committee following its consideration/approval at this meeting?</b>	Trustee Board					
<b>If yes, please state the committee and proposed date of submission.</b>						

## **Motion title: You can take our Code but you can NEVER take our Quality**

### Conference notes

In late 2017, QAA UK launched the consultation with the UK Higher Education sector to gather feedback on the new quality code.

The revised UK Quality Code outlines the Scotland's quality enhancement- led approach to be supplementary and not a Core practise

### Conference believes

The proposed new code does not provides a coherent framework for quality and standards in UK higher education

The revised UK Quality Code for Higher Education does not embrace the current quality enhancement arrangement in Scotland.

The revised UK Quality Code for Higher Education does not incorporate the Scottish sectors approach to improving the Student Experience through Quality Enhancement Framework.

The UK Quality Code should be co-owned by the UK-wide Higher Education sector and not only by the English HE Sector.

The Scottish HE sector is standing together as one on the viewpoint of the revised UK Quality Code being unfit for purpose.

### Conference resolves

NUS Scotland should work with partners across the UK nations to campaign for the code to be inclusive of all quality practises across the sector.

NUS Scotland should campaign to ensure that the Scottish sector's enhancement-led approach to improving quality is protected.