



Consultation Questions

The discussion paper presented to Academic Board on 10 October sets out an initial proposal that in order to support the objectives set out in Strategy 2020: Building Success, the University should devolve more responsibility to our academic schools in order to increase local ownership and to speed up decision making. This would also enable senior leadership capacity to be refocused on driving key cross-institutional strategic objectives.

1. We are now consulting on the proposal to make schools the primary academic units and remove faculties:
 - a. What are your views on how an academic structure based on schools as the key academic and business unit could better support delivery of Strategy 2020?
 - b. What else do you think a new school-focused structure could bring?
 - c. What key issues will need to be considered and how could these be addressed?
 - d. Do you have any comments on how professional services might best support Strategy 2020 if the proposed change were to be implemented?

2. The discussion paper provides some initial thoughts on the number of schools that would best support delivery of Strategy 2020. (i.e. six or seven schools with an integrated Business School).
 - a. Do you have views on the configuration of schools if the proposed change were to be implemented?
 - b. Please specify and provide the reasons why?
 - c. What would the benefits be?
 - d. What would the issues be and how could these be overcome?

3. Do you have any other comments you would like to be considered in relation to the University's academic structures, if so please specify.