

<b>Committee(s):</b> Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music & Drama	<b>Date(s):</b> 14 November 2016
<b>Subject: Academic Board annual report 2015/16</b>	
<b>Report of: Principal</b>	<b>Public</b>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Summary</b></p> <p>The Academic Board's annual report for 2015/16 is presented for consideration and approval by the Board of Governors. The Academic Board is due to meet on 7 November 2016 and any minor amendments arising will be reported verbally to the Board of Governors.</p> <p>The report has been reformatted this year to map to the assurances required of the Board of Governors under the revised operating model for quality assurance with actions clearly noted. It is intended that a follow-up report on actions will be presented later in the academic year at the May 2017 meeting. The annual report should be considered in tandem with other information on academic quality and standards presented to the Board during 2015/16 as set out in the paper considered at the September meeting of the Board of Governors.</p> <p>The first set of assurances is due 1 December 2016. The assurances are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The governing body has received and discussed a report and accompanying action plan relating to the continuous improvement of the student academic experience and student outcomes. This included evidence from the provider's own periodic review processes, which fully involve students and include embedded external peer or professional review.</li> <li>• The methodologies used as a basis to improve the student academic experience and student outcomes are, to the best of our knowledge, robust and appropriate.</li> </ul> <p><i>In respect of our taught degree awarding powers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The standards of awards for which we are responsible have been appropriately set and maintained.</li> </ul> <p><i>In respect of our validated doctoral programme</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The standards of awards for which we are responsible have been appropriately maintained.</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> the Board is asked to approve the report and determine whether it can give the assurances above.</p>	