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Dear [Redacted]

I write to inform you of the outcome of the University's consideration of a request received from your centre that a derogation from the exit-phase arrangements be agreed so as to enable you to recruit additional intakes of students until the final permitted intake date of October 2014 for the following programmes of study:

BSc in Computing

As a valued partner of the University of Wales over the years, we are keen to ensure that we work closely with you during the exit phase and provide any necessary support which may be required, particularly with regard to assisting centres find new partner Universities.

As you will be aware, in 2011, the University's Academic Board and Council approved recommendations that the University exit from its validation services model for collaborative provision, and also from its traditional role as an accrediting body for other Universities in Wales. The University thus entered into an exit-phase during which it would act to see through its legal obligations and also prepare for its own transformation for the future. This transformation, through merger with other Universities in Wales, will reflect the priorities for higher education of the Welsh Government.

It will follow from the above narrative that the University will not generally be inclined to be supportive of requests for derogation from the exit-phase which would see centres being permitted to recruit additional intakes of students beyond those stipulated in individual Validation Agreements. Approval of derogation requests is only given in exceptional circumstances, and in cases in which it is given, it is on the basis that centres comply absolutely with all of the University's expectations - as examples, recruitment is controlled, numbers do not fall short of, or exceed, those stipulated and the requirements of the academic and financial regulations are complied with strictly. Permission will be withdrawn at any time should the University feel that it has cause to do so - as examples, because of lack of compliance with the regulations, failure to pay fees due, or with the quality assurance processes or publicity controls, or because of other changes of circumstance occurring within or without the centre, such as a change of owner or of government policy.

Notwithstanding the above, in the case of the request received from your centre, the University has concluded that there are grounds for supporting your request and is minded to issue formal confirmation of this. An updated Exit Schedule will be issued shortly, confirming the amended date of the last permitted intake together with the University's conditions for agreeing to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R Brown', with a small flourish at the end.

Professor Robert Brown
Deputy Vice-Chancellor