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Subject: City Unity College response to preliminary review - Bachelor of Science (Hons) Psychology (Franchise Programme with the London Metropolitan University)

In regards to your preliminary review to the above franchise program of study, dated 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024, we would like to provide the following information:

#### **Point One:**

1.A Collaborative provision is in the form of full Franchised program offered by London Metropolitan University and delivered at City Unity College Nicosia and as evidenced by the Course Level Agreement which is attached as Annex 1.

1.B Information on Fees is provided as an attachment in Annex 2. Please note that the tuition fees will be sent for approval by the Ministry of Education.

1.C Information pertaining to London Metropolitan University's Data Sharing Policy is provided in Annex 3.

1.D With reference to the Education Act Notice please note the following: It may be worth noting that in 1992 when the university gained approval by Orders in Council to be titled a University, it was then known by a different name: the Polytechnic of North London. After the Orders in Council it became the University of North London. London Metropolitan University was a merger between the University of North London and London Guildhall University in 2002.

The Orders in Council letter granting University status refers to the Polytechnic of North London in Schedule 2.

This is attached as Annex 4.

### Point Two:

Articles of Government for London Metropolitan University are attached as part of this response in Annex 5.

### **Point Three:**

The program BSc (Hons) Psychology offered by London Metropolitan is fully accredited and registered under the QAA Database. The conditions for registration in London Metropolitan University as well as the conditions for registration at City Unity College Nicosia are provided in Annex 6.

### **Point Four:**

The Course Approval Document is attached in Annex 7.

### Point 5:

The Quality Assurance Manual of London Metropolitan University is attached in Annex 8.

A sample of the Higher Education Qualification awarded to students upon successful completion of the program is attached in Annex 9.

# Point 6:

Documents pertaining to Academic Appeal processes and Student Complaints procedures are attached in Annex 10.

# Point 7:

In regard to the academic facilities, City Unity College maintains 4 computer laboratories that can be used for the psychology program in the first two years of the program. There is no specialized software required. We have been in contact with BIOPAC for specific software to be installed for more specialized modules taken by the students in their last year of studies (2026-2027 academic year). We can submit evidence that the software will be in place by the Spring semester of 2026.

A virtual tour of our campus is available on our website and the link is provided below. https://cityu.ac.cy/the-college/360-tour/

# Point 8:

We have conducted a thorough search to recruit a faculty member at the rank of Associate Professor and we hired a person at that specific rank and his contract will commence in October 2024. The CV is attached in Annex 11. Further recruitment of academics will take place as the number of students in the program grows.

### Point 9:

Information on expected number of students recruited is provided in Annex 12. Most of our students are local.

We kindly request that you consider all Annexes we provide in this response as supplements to our original application. We remain at your disposal should you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

**Constantinos Charalambous** 

Provost

City Unity College Nicosia