Submission from Cameron Glasgow

Dear Sirs,
I am extremely concerned with some of the main proposals within the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill which is due to pass through Parliament this autumn. It is my understanding that this new legislation will enable the Scottish Government to exercise greater control over the composition and governance of all higher education institutions in Scotland including the universities and that it will also enforce greater consistency among institutions, and thereby reduce their ability to adopt individual strategies. This will not only burden universities and the public purse with extra regulation and bureaucracy, it will stifle enterprise and jeopardise the positive contribution that universities make to the economy. I have not read one thing that makes the case for this greater control and cannot understand why it is necessary.
It is without doubt that Scotland’s academic reputation will suffer if this Bill becomes law – one of the strengths of this great country’s tertiary education system is the independence from political influence and the ability of its universities to follow the paths they see fit to attract the best students.
I urge that the Bill is not passed through in its current form.

Kind regards,

Cameron Glasgow