



EHSU Closing BME Attainment Gap – Good Degrees for BME

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Edge Hill Students' Union notes:

- There is a 16.4% difference between the number of good degrees awarded to white students and BME students on Full-Time Undergraduate Courses. (Appendix 1)
- A good degree is a 2:1 and above
- The attainment gap in FAS is 18% (Appendix 1)
- The attainment gap is 4.5% in Education (Appendix 1)
- The attainment gap is 10.7% in Faculty of Health (Appendix 1)
- The overall gap of 16.4% is close to the national average of 16.8% gap in attainment
- However, going against the UK trend, BME students are overall more satisfied at Edge Hill in both the NSS and ISS than their white counterparts (Appendix 2 & 3)
- That EHSU has previously passed no policies or made significant attempt to alleviate the problem
- The Disparity in Student attainment project undertaken by Wolverhampton and Coventry University has resulted in a reduction of the attainment gap (1)

Edge Hill Students' Union believes:

- That the attainment gap should not exist
- There will be negative future consequences for our BME students should this gap continue to be prevalent in Edge Hill
- Provided enough support and resources are available, this gap can be abolished
- The support provided must be in a manner that breaks the stereotypical approach/deficit model and primarily focuses on engagement through EHSU
- That a collaboration between the Institution and the Union to tackle the problem can have really positive results

Edge Hill Students' Union resolves:

- To mandate the Union, and in particular the President, VP Academic Representation and Black Students Officer to work on programmes aimed at reducing the attainment gap

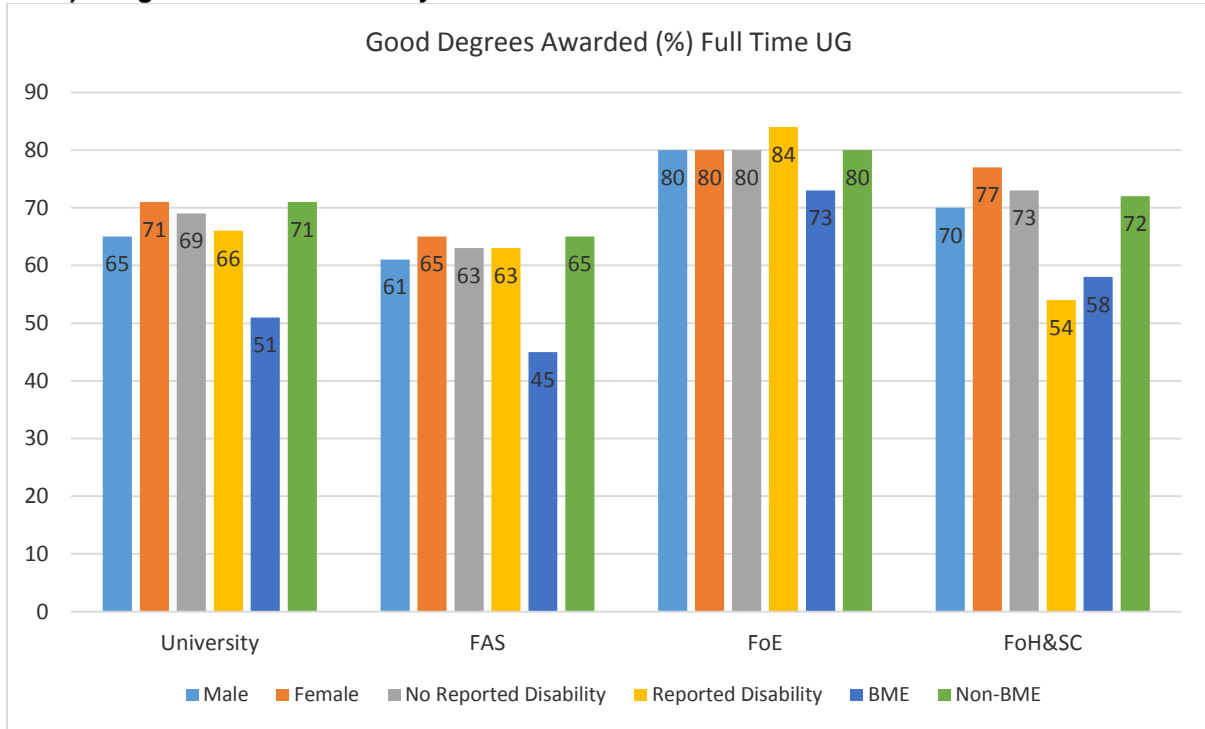
- To provide technical, financial and material support to programmes aimed at reducing the gap where possible
- Lobby and work in partnership with the University to reduce the gap, with particular emphasis on the departments/schools where the gap is highest
- Monitor the Universities progress at reducing the gap once a year with summaries of findings to come to Executive Committee
- To engage and cooperate with any NUS Black Students Campaigns aimed at reducing the gap

1) Disparities in Student attainment final report

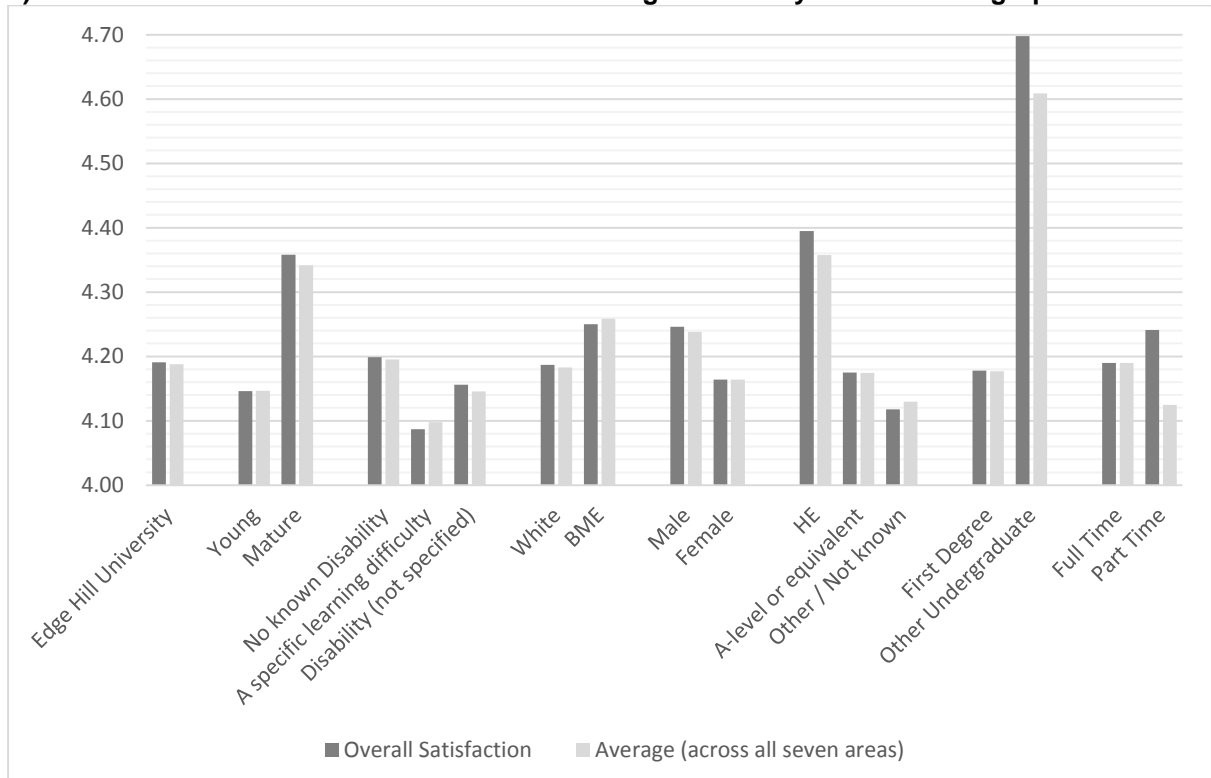
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Appendicies

1) Degree Outcome: Faculty and Protected Characteristic



2) NSS 2015: EHU Overall Satisfaction and Average Scores by student demographics



3) Internal Student Survey: Overall Satisfaction by student demographics

