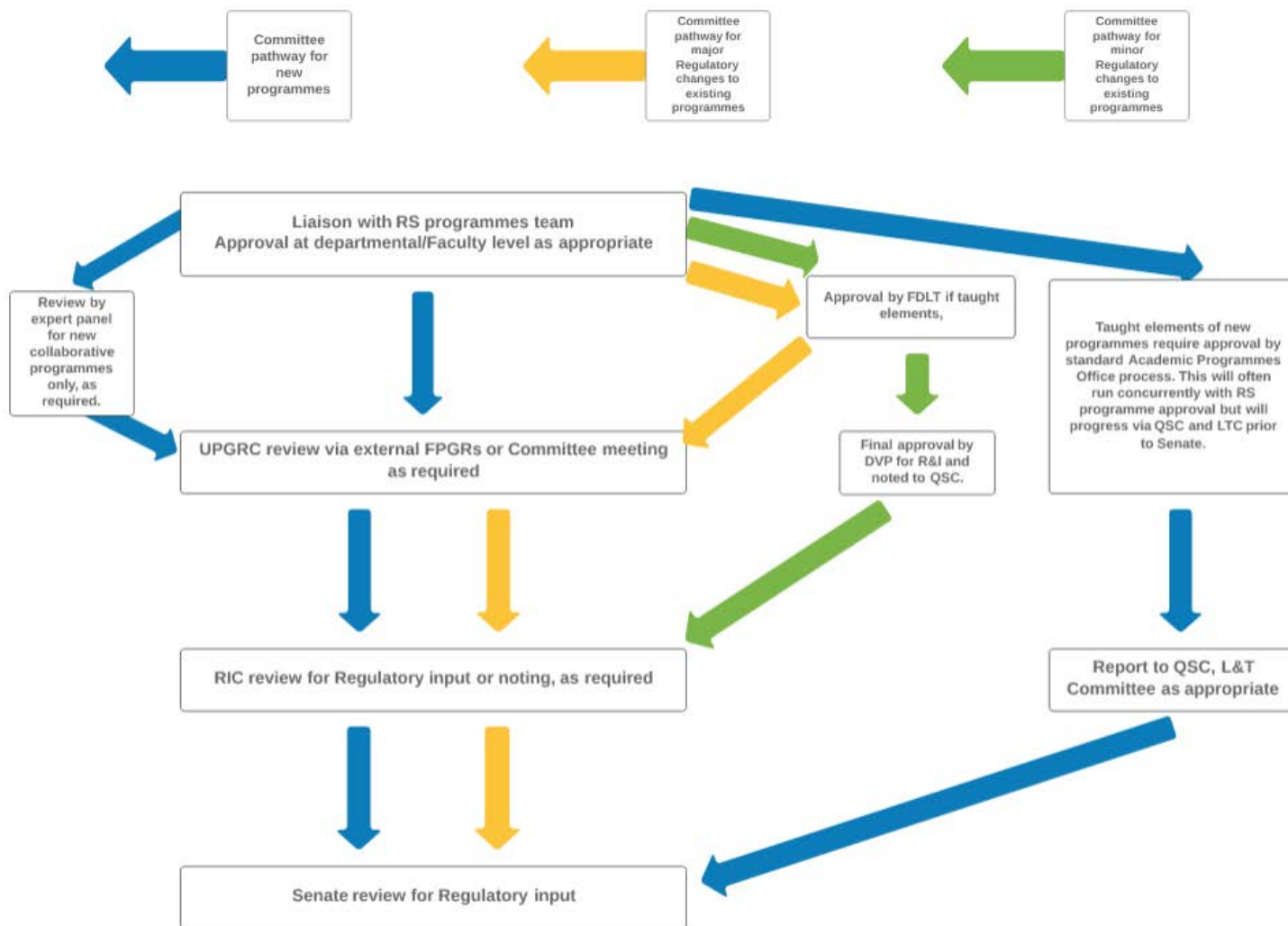


Governance route for new and amended research programmes



For the purposes of this diagram Regulatory changes are defined as follows:

- Minor: limited changes to programme specifications and/or programme regulations at a departmental level e.g. changes of programme code and limited module changes such as credit balancing. Full approval confirmed by DVP for R&I, which is subsequently noted to RIC.
NB: this is subject to all specific programme code information being removed from the General Regulations for Higher Degrees by Research and transferred into Programme Regulation format.
- Major:
 - fundamental changes to programme specification and/or programme regulations at a departmental level e.g. extension to time limit, module restructuring, complete rewriting of learning outcomes
 - Regulatory input for Faculty-level programmes
 - Changes to the General Regulations for Higher Degrees by Research.

Such changes should be considered by UPGRC either via remote review or Committee meeting, as appropriate. Should changes to the General Regulations for Higher Degrees by Research be needed, or should the individual programme warrant further scrutiny, RIC input and approval should be sought before progression onto Senate. This protocol shall also apply to new programmes.