University of Glasgow

Academic Standards Committee - Friday 9 October 2009

Remit and Composition

Ms H Butcher, Clerk to the Committee

Role

The role of the Academic Standards Committee (ASC) is to assist the Education Policy and Strategy Committee (EdPSC) in its implementation of the University's Learning and Teaching Strategy through assurance and enhancement of the quality of educational provision and through maintenance of standards. ASC reports to EdPSC, and also approves proposals for undergraduate and postgraduate taught degree programmes on behalf of EdPSC and Senate.

Remit

To assure and enhance the quality of the University's taught educational provision and the maintenance of standards through development and implementation of regulatory policy, and through the operation and review of the quality processes of programme approval, annual course monitoring, internal subject review, and external examining.

Specifically ASC will

Advise EdPSC on matters relating to the University's academic regulatory processes, including the revision and development of academic regulations in the University, and also the implementation of regulatory policy.

Develop and monitor the University's process for approval of new programmes and changes to its taught programme provision. In operating this process, approve (on behalf of EdPSC and Senate) Faculty proposals for new undergraduate and postgraduate taught programmes and major changes to programmes, including those delivered in collaboration with other institutions.

On behalf of EdPSC and Senate, present for consideration by the University Court and General Council of the University Court, information to contribute to the formulation of Draft Resolutions instituting new degrees or revising existing degrees.

Conduct monitoring of academic provision through the receipt of:

- Executive summaries of Faculty Annual Course Monitoring Reports (via the Faculty Quality Assurance and Enhancement Officers' Group)

- Faculty reports on the monitoring of 3-year degrees (Faculties of Arts and Law, Business & Social Sciences)

- Annual reports for jointly awarded degrees from relevant Faculties

Monitor taught programme provision from accredited and associated institutions by receiving their validation/revalidation and joint committee reports.

Monitor internal subject reviews (Departmental Programmes of Teaching Learning and Assessment) by receiving review reports, identifying issues or recommendations requiring action in other areas of the University and monitoring responses to actions or recommending further action as necessary. Consider and recommend changes to procedures for internal subject review as necessary.

Monitor external examiners' reports through receipt of the annual summary report from Senate Office identifying issues or recommendations requiring action in other areas of the University and monitoring responses to actions or recommending further action as necessary. Consider and recommend changes to external examining procedures as necessary.

Monitor accreditation reports from Professional and Statutory Bodies (PSBs) identifying issues or recommendations requiring action in other areas of the University and monitoring responses to actions or recommending further action as necessary.

Composition

Convener

One member of academic staff from each Faculty

One academic member from the University of Glasgow staff at Dumfries Campus

Clerk of Senate

Vice Principal (Learning, Teaching & Internationalisation)

Head of the Registry (or nominee)

Director of the Senate Office (or nominee)

Head of Management Information Services (or nominee)

Representative from the Student Lifecycle Project

Representative from the Students' Representative Council

Representative from the General Council - attending member

Sub-Committees[*]

Academic Regulations Sub Committee

Faculty Quality Assurance and Enhancement Officers' Group

Programme and Course Approval Working Group

Programme Approval Groups

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[*] Each of the Conveners of these Sub-committees is an ex-officio member of Academic Standards Committee.