

**University of Glasgow****Academic Standards Committee - Friday 14 November 2008****Reports from 3 Year Degree Monitoring Boards****Ms H Butcher, Clerk to the Committee**

ASC's remit currently includes monitoring of academic provision through the receipt of:

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

Three Year Degree Monitoring Boards were set up in 2000 to monitor the reformed General Degrees in the Faculties of Arts, Science and Social Sciences. The Boards reported to Academic Regulations Committee (now Academic Standards Committee) biennially providing cohort statistics for two sessions and commentary on the operation of the degrees. In recent years however, reporting to ASC has diminished.

In 2003, it was agreed that the Three Year Degree Monitoring Board for the Faculties of Science would be disbanded as the BSc in General Science had been withdrawn and the three year designated degrees in Science subjects would each be monitored by the Undergraduate Studies Committee.

The Three Year Degree Monitoring Board for the MA (Social Sciences) last reported to ASC April 2005. The Dean decided in session 2006-07 to disband the Board and transfer monitoring of the MA (Social Sciences) into the business of the Faculty Undergraduate Studies Committee (FUSC). It was intended that this Committee would report on to ASC after receiving a report on the Three Year Degree. However, there has been a delay in reporting on the Three Year degree to the FUSC, due partly to a changeover in personnel with the Faculty Quality Assurance and Enhancement Officer, who would normally compile the report, now being based in Law and therefore having less involvement with MA (Social Sciences).

In the Faculty of Arts, the Three Year Degree Monitoring Board last reported to ARC in March 2003 following consideration of the three year degrees in the School of Divinity (now the department of Theology and Religious Studies). In April 2005 a report on the MA in General Humanities and the MA (General) was submitted to ARC. This report had previously been considered by the Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Studies Committee in order to review the three year degree programmes. Dr Thomas Munck who compiled the paper, reported at the time, and also recently, that despite the amount of work expended in gathering data it was not possible to provide reliable data from which to draw meaningful conclusions. The difficulties with data collection have persisted, and for this reason, no further reports have been produced.

The new system to be delivered from the Student Lifecycle Project may improve the data available for monitoring the three year degrees in due course.

In light of the above, ASC is asked to consider whether monitoring of the three year general degrees in Arts and LBSS should be continued, and if so, to suggest the most appropriate means of monitoring, given current constraints with data collection.

