

University of Glasgow**Academic Standards Committee – Thursday 9 April 2009****Report from the Joint Board of the University of Glasgow and
Christie's Education**

Mrs Catherine Omand, Senate Office

1. Remit and Membership of the Joint Board

The remit of the Joint Board had been amended to reflect the renamed Masters' Programme and the newly established MA and Graduate Diploma (Annex 1). The Joint Board agreed that both Professor Pearce and Professor Yarrington should be made permanent members of the Board. It was **resolved to recommend** the amended membership to ASC (Annex 2).

2. Generic Undergraduate Regulations

The Joint Board noted that Christie's Education regulations now reflected the generic undergraduate regulations. Christie's Education had published that candidates could proceed from Year 1 to 2 on obtaining an average Grade C or better, instead of Grade D. Reassurance was given that this would be taken into account when marking coursework for this year's cohort.

3. Report on the MLitt, Graduate Diploma and MA (Hons) Programmes

The Joint Board received the Annual Report for Session 2007-08.

- 3.1 The Joint Board was pleased to note that the Masters' Programme had been re-validated by the University of Glasgow and that the Graduate Diploma and MA (Hons) Programmes had been validated.
- 3.2 Student feedback gained from student questionnaires had been summarised. Some concern had been raised regarding the perceived lenient treatment of students suspected of plagiarism. As a result, further guidance would be made available highlighting the meaning and consequences of plagiarism. Students had also expressed concern regarding the variation of policy on late submission. It was agreed that a more uniform policy would be introduced.
- 3.3 The Joint Board was pleased to note the highly satisfactory MLitt results with 55 students entering examinations in Session 2007-08 as compared to 15 who had entered in Session 200-01.
- 3.4 The Joint Board was pleased to note the wide range of employment entered into following graduation.

4. Report on Admissions

The Joint Board considered a detailed report on admissions for Session 2007-08, noting the increase for the Masters Programme Options A-C. There had been a small decrease for Option D. It was hoped that the overall increase in admissions indicated that recruitment trips and other marketing strategies had been successful.

Attention was brought to the nationality of students for each of the Options were it was noted that the majority of students came from the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. The percentage of UK students had dramatically increased over the last year (21% as compare to 11% in Session 2006-07).

Ten students had been admitted to the Graduate Diploma and 7 students had taken the MA (Hons) Programme. The target intake for the MA (Hons) Programme was 12.

5. PhD Supervision

Christies' Education provided a further proposal regarding joint PhD supervision. The Joint Board agreed that further discussion was required with the Faculty of Arts Higher Degree Committee.

6. University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) External Verification of Christie's Diploma

The Joint Board noted that CIE had validated Christie's Education Diplomas and had agreed to provide certificates for students who had entered the two-year Diploma in September 2007 and would not finish until the end of the academic year 2008-09. The University of Glasgow would accept students onto the MA (Hons) pathway from Session 2009/10.

7. External Examiner Reports

The Joint Board considered the reports from Professors Cormack and Taylor. Professor Cormack had raised a concern relating to Distinctions awarded without a distinction gained in the dissertation. The Joint Board noted that this had been resolved as Christie's Education had adopted the University's Code of Assessment. Professor Taylor raised the issue of the use of External Readers and that greater clarity was required concerning criteria for marking. This issue would be discussed at the next meeting of the Joint Board scheduled to take place in London, where all Course Directors would be present and would be able to advise what action has been taken.

8. Graduate Diplomas and MLitt Pathways

The Joint Board considered a proposal to allow students who had successfully completed the Graduate Diplomas to apply for the Masters Programme. However, the Joint Board confirmed the necessary credit required for entry to Level 11 and highlighted the possible visa-related issues associated with part-time overseas' students. Christie's Education was advised to discuss possible pathways with the Faculty of Arts Higher Degrees Committee.

9. Validation Fee Review

The Joint Board noted that the Senior Management Group of the University of Glasgow had approved that the full economic costing be introduced. The revised fee would commence from Session 2009-10 and would be phased in over a three-year period.

10. Enhancement-Led Institutional Review (ELIR)

The Joint Board was advised that the University was to be audited by QAA during November 2009 and that it was most likely that information would be sought from Associated Institutions.

11. Recognition of Staff as Teachers of the University

The Joint Board **resolved to recommend** to ASC that the undernoted staff be recognised as teachers of the University for the purpose of teaching on courses leading to the Degrees and Postgraduate Diplomas of the University:

- Dr Sascha Prieve as 0.5 lecturer for Option D (The Arts of China).
- Ms Jacqueline Ansell, replaced Ms Rebecca Lyons for Option B (Fine and Decorative Art), whilst Ms Lyons was on maternity leave.
- Dr Catherine James full-time tutor (originally 0.5) with responsibility for Option C (Modern and Contemporary Art) as well as retaining an advisory role for MA (Hons) students on Option A (Early European Art) and Option B (Fine and Decorative Art).

University of Glasgow

Title: Joint Board of the University of Glasgow and Christie's Education, London

Remit:

1. To oversee the following programmes:

History of Art & Art-World Practice (MA) (MLitt) (Graduate Diploma)
2. To make recommendations to the Senate of the University and the Executive Committee of Christie's Education, London in respect of the validation of the above programmes.
3. To conduct periodic reviews of the above programmes, and make recommendations to Senate on the basis of their outcomes.
4. To make such recommendations as are appropriate to the Executive Committee of Christie's Education, London.
5. To consider, for transmission to Senate for its approval, all nominations of external examiners to the University Court for programmes in the field of history of art and the decorative arts leading to awards of the University of Glasgow taught wholly or jointly at Christie's Education.
6. To consider annually:
 - (a) the recommendations of, and comments contained within, the reports of external examiners and the response of the Executive Committee of Christie's Education, London to the reports;
 - (b) a report on the numbers and qualifications of students admitted to the validated programmes, and on the progress of students within the programmes;
 - (c) the nomination of members of Christie's Education for recognition as teachers of the University.
7. To receive annual reports on, and keep under continuing review, the operation of the University's quality assurance procedures for all programmes overseen by the Joint Board.
8. To encourage collaboration between Christie's Education and the University in the field of the history of art and the decorative arts.

Joint Board of the University of Glasgow and Christie's Education

Session 2008-09

Composition

University of Glasgow

Clerk of Senate or nominee
(Convener)
Dean of Arts
Head of Department, History of Art
Richmond Chair of Fine Art
Course Director for MLitt in the
Decorative Arts & Design History

Christie's Education

Academic Director, MLitt programme
Course Director, Programme Option A
Course Director, Programme Option B
Course Director, Programme Option C
Course Director, Programme Option D
Managing Director (*ex officio* member)
Librarian (*ex officio* member)

Current Membership

Professor G D Caie

Prof E Moignard
Professor N Pearce
Prof A Yarrington
Ms E Hancock

Dr M Michael
Dr R Plant
Mr A Spira
Ms L Perrotte
Ms N Cura
Ms I Pickering
Ms C Milne

By invitation

Chief Adviser, Faculty of Arts

Dr H Lloyd

In attendance

Head of Senate Office (or nominee)
Administrator, Senate Office

Ms J McCluskey
Ms C Omand