University of Glasgow

Academic Standards Committee - Friday 28 May 2010

Weighting for Honours Classification (ASC/2009/56)

Ms Helen Butcher, Clerk to the Committee

At the previous meeting of ASC it was noted that the School of Nursing and Healthcare was proposing to continue with the 100% weighting of the final year of the Bachelor of Nursing for the honours assessment. The School had therefore been invited to provide a ratioinale of why the third year could not contribute to the final honours classification. Following consultation with colleagues in other faculties who were involved with programmes offering a common third year to Honours and non Honours students the BN Undergraduate Teaching Committee has proposed a 30:70 split between the Junior Honours and Senior Honours Years.

The rationale for the 30:70 split has been presented as follows:

- A 30% carry forward from Year 3 will give more impetus for the 3rd Year students to achieve the best of standards in Year 3.
- To encourage students to strive in Senior Honours.
- A 70% carry forward from Year 4 is that Year 4 is at an advanced standard which would prepare the students to achieve the higher levels of skills, knowledge and attributes for advanced learning.

ASC is invited to approve the proposal for a 30:70 assessment weighting for the calculation of honours on the Bachelor of Nursing degree.