

University of Glasgow

Academic Standards Committee - Friday 8 October 2010

Actions Arising from Annual Monitoring Report (Session 2008-09) – Responses Received after 30 September 2010

Ms Helen Butcher, Clerk to the Committee

7. Item Referred to Careers Service

Faculty	Issue raised	Response
Information & Mathematical Sciences	The provision of careers advice tailored to designated degree students was suggested by Psychology to enhance the course for students	<p>Dr Archie Roy, Careers Adviser, has met with the psychology designated degree tutor to discuss the concerns raised by the group. In response to these concerns, Dr Roy is now preparing input, which will be delivered to the group of 25 students in November. There has also been a discussion about a follow-up seminar for the students, which is likely to take the form of an open forum to encourage discussion.</p> <p>This input shall form part of a service level agreement, which is being developed by Careers and will be discussed shortly with Deans, Learning and Teaching.</p>

10. Item Referred to Vice-Principal Strategy & Resources

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Arts ¹	Inadequate accommodation for practice-based work in Music and Theatre Studies. This is a major source of frustration and a matter of regular attention over the last 10 years. The lack of adequate response is undermining faith in the Annual Monitoring process and affecting staff	ASC should be aware that there is a clear process of Estates and Buildings meeting regularly with the Heads of College regarding their estates priorities. Heads of School need to ensure that their needs are raised with the Head of College. We have a master-plan for capital spend that is approved annually by SMG and Court. The desire for work to be conducted always outstrips available resource – there is therefore a need to set priorities. If ASC raise a new issue then almost certainly if this is to be tackled we will need to drop

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	<p>morale.</p>	<p>another refurbishment already programmed. The fact that ASC state “The lack of adequate response is undermining faith in the Annual Monitoring process and affecting staff morale” does not mean that we have not considered conducting the work – rather that it has not been given a high enough priority when added to the overall capital plan. I accept that the process has not always been transparent, however the procedures put in place over the last 12 months ensure that the complete 5 year capital spend profile is available for inspection by those who wish to see it and is regularly updated with the full input of the Heads of College and SMG.</p>
<p>Dentistry²</p>	<p>Capital redevelopment at the Dental Hospital and School. The lecture theatres and seminar rooms are now of a high standard and the lift and window replacement programmes are delivering positive results. However, the eventual outcome of the re-designed project established by the NHS remains unclear, particularly in the current financial climate, and there is still significant major refurbishment required.</p>	<p>The Dental School is not our building – we continue to work to get clarity of NHS intentions and we are able to use our minor works budgets to make decorative improvements. It should not be a surprise to ASC that the NHS capital programme is under considerable strain with the build of the SGH.</p>
<p>Medicine</p>	<p>Clinical capacity/teaching in hospitals - key issue last year and continues to be this year. In Year 3, there will be additional students from St Andrews, therefore additional capacity will be required. There has been some progress on this; however, more is required which will necessarily involve negotiations with the NHS</p>	<p>My office has no influence over the provision of clinical capacity within the NHS. The Head of the Medical School and Head of the College of MVLS continue to work with the NHS to ensure appropriate service level agreements are in place. The Principal, Secretary to Court and Head of the College of MVLS have regular meetings with the CEO of the Health Board and his team where matters such as these are discussed and resolved.</p>

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