

University of Glasgow**Academic Standards Committee – Friday 18 February 2011****Periodic Subject Review (formerly DPTLA): Update on
Recommendations arising from the Review of Classics held on 25
February 2008****Ms Fiona Dick, Senate Office**

At its meeting on 28 May 2010, Academic Standards Committee noted the department had provided further information on recommendation 1 (see below) concerning serious accommodation constraints for the department. In May 2009 it had been reported that some additional accommodation would become available shortly; however the department reported that this had not occurred, and only a single office for one additional staff member had been made available. ASC agreed that the original recommendation should be re-opened and that priority should be given to providing the department with additional space. This would be raised with the director of Estates and Buildings.

Updated Response to Recommendation 1 – May 2010

The issue of space has not been resolved in the manner envisaged in the initial report. Contrary to earlier indications that the whole top floor of the adjacent building would become available, Classics has been allocated only a single office for an additional staff member. Initial discussions had led us to expect a number of rooms, which would have enabled us to move staff and create teaching and study space more fit for purpose. However, priority has been given to a spacious office and large kitchen for the incoming staff in 63 Oakfield Avenue.

In plans to increase postgraduate recruitment, and accommodate increasing numbers of undergraduate students, the lack of flexibility in current accommodation is a greater obstacle than ever. Unfortunately, the Department cannot be as optimistic of an effective resolution as it was at the time of the initial response, and would therefore urge the committee to reopen this issue with Estates and Buildings/University Services.

Below is the response from the Director of Estates and Buildings:

Following University re structuring and formation of College and Schools, the Assistant Director (Estates Development) will approach Arts College Management to confirm space needs.