

## University of Glasgow

## Academic Standards Committee: 27 May 2011

**Departmental Programmes of Teaching, Learning and Assessment:  
Update on Responses to Recommendations arising from the Review  
of Economics held on 24 January 2008**

Ms Fiona Dick, Senate Office

At its meeting on 19 November 2011, Academic Standards Committee received an update on various responses to recommendations made at the review of Economics in January 2008. The responses were considered to demonstrate satisfactory progress in all but one case, Recommendation 5.

Further updates to responses have been provided as follows:

***Recommendation 5:***

The Dean reported that the Faculty had recently identified the need for an Equivalence Committee and the Review Panel **recommends** that the Department avail itself of the advice of this Committee as soon as it is in operation to enable the Department to include marks from study abroad in the students' final grade. This would emphasise the value the University places on the educational value of the study abroad experience and the importance of maintaining academic work while away from this University. [*paragraph 5.2*]

For the attention of: **The Head of Department**  
with the support of: **The Dean of the Faculty**

***Response:***

ASC previously received responses to this recommendation from the Head of Department and the Dean of the Faculty at its meetings in May 2009 and May 2010. These responses indicated that work towards consistent faculty practice in the conversion of marks from study abroad was in progress. In May 2010, the Dean of the Faculty reported that further work had been postponed following the decision that the University Learning and Teaching Committee would form a working group to formulate University wide policy on the issue. ASC previously agreed that the Dean of Learning & Teaching in the College of Social Sciences should provide an update on the College's policy for the conversion of study abroad grades after the University Working Group had concluded its business. The first meeting of the working group was scheduled for early November 2010.

***Updated Response – May 2011***

EdPSC has now approved the outcome of the LTC Working Group on conversion of overseas grades. The principles set out by the Working Group will (assuming that Senate approves) be incorporated into the Code of Assessment. This will require grades achieved during study abroad to be converted to Glasgow grades. It is the intention within the College to continue to share best practice on conversion and this should assist those

within the Economics subject area charged with conversion of study abroad grades.