

University of Glasgow

Academic Standards Committee – Friday 7 October 2011

Report from the Meeting of the Joint Board of the University of Glasgow and Christie's Education - 7 July 2011

1 Remit and Membership 2011-12

The Board noted that Professor Moignard would continue to serve as a member of the Board and that a replacement for the Richmond Chair to replace Professor Yarrington had not yet been found.

2 Honorary Professorship

The Board was advised that the process for awarding Dr Michael an Honorary Professorship was in its final stages and a letter from the Principal would be sent shortly.

3 Reports on MLitt, Graduate Diploma and MA (Hons) Programmes

- 3.1 The Regulations and Complaints Procedure would be revised over the summer period, in line with the recommendations suggested at the Joint Board in January 2011. These would be implemented in the forthcoming session 2011-12.
- 3.2 The Board noted that all external examiner reports had been submitted and that the Board of Examiners' meetings went well. The Board **agreed** to an extension of the appointment of the external examiner for the History of Art and Art-World Practice (MLitt), Professor R Kerr, by one year.
- 3.3 A number of students, for whom English was a second language, had engaged others to re-write their work, despite guidance on linguistic and grammar content being available at CE. The Board concurred that CE should identify a reputable agency that could be recommended to the students for linguistic advice. Additionally, a declaration should be signed by the students stating their work had been proof-read.
- 3.4 The Board learned that CE planned to use UKPASS, an online postgraduate application service offered by UCAS, to process the Taught Postgraduate applications.
- 3.5 The Board considered the applications to date. Overall, Christie's Education was satisfied with the level of undergraduate and postgraduate applications received and the rise in the number of deposits received. The Admissions Team had been proactive in response times to applications.

4 Art Business Programme

Further to the discussions with the Principal and Professor R Paton of the Business School, it may be possible for the Business School to award ten credits on the Art Business Programme evening class. The programme was offered one Tuesday per week and there would be seven modules of 3 lectures. The Art Business Programme handbook would be sent to Professor Paton and, in the event that it

was possible to award the ten credits from the Business School, this would enable individuals to transfer their credits to the US through the accreditation scheme.

The proposed collaboration between CE and the University of Glasgow on the day programme, Art World Practice degree was still under consideration. The degree could be offered over a two year period. This would require further discussion between CE and the University.

5 AHRC Application

CE's application had been unsuccessful due to its submission as a joint application with the University. The Board recommended that CE reapply for the grant next year.

6 Library/Learning Resources Report

The Board considered a detailed report submitted by the Learning Resources Manager. The Library had undergone restructuring in relation to the opening hours which had been reduced, following a 9-6pm structure, which had refocused time and resources successfully. A new development had been the recording of the alumni use of the library and official procedures for alumni were currently being drafted. Students had requested borrowing access in other libraries, but this was contrary to practice by other institutions such as the University College London who did not permit other London Colleges borrowing rights. Overall, the students' feedback had been most positive about the library.

7 Students' Report

The students' expressed their overall satisfaction with CE. The Board discussed instances where students had signed in on behalf of fellow students at classes. Whilst these classes were not assessed parts of the course and attendance lists were taken for seminars, the Board advised that students should be made aware that this was not acceptable practice, particularly in view of UKBA regulations.

8 UKBA Update

The Board received an update on UKBA policy and the introduction of tighter procedures with regard to attendance and spot checks and was advised that the University's Registry was in the process of preparing a formal agreement between the two institutions outlining their responsibilities. The agreement would outline Best Practice for absences and the need for a formal audit.