

**University of Glasgow****Academic Standards Committee – Wednesday 18 April 2012****Report of the Meeting of the Liaison Committee of the University of Glasgow and The Glasgow School of Art - 19 January 2012****Geraldine Perriam, Clerk to the Liaison Committee**

The following were among the items considered at the meeting.

**1. Remit and Membership of the Liaison Committee**

Following review of the Committee remit it was agreed that no amendment was required. The membership of the Committee was also approved. The Convener welcomed new members: Professor L Drew, Professor T Collins and Ms S Dunn.

Academic Standards Committee is invited to **approve**, retrospectively, the membership of the Liaison Committee as specified in Appendix 1.

**2. Annual Report from the Glasgow School of Art, 2010-2011**

Professor Drew and Dr Williamson were thanked for the report. The Committee heard that outstanding actions from the Enhancement-Led Institutional Review (ELIR) were in hand regarding formative and summative assessment. These and other ELIR-related matters were discussed more fully later in the meeting. The following points from the report were highlighted:

- The 'decant' of students and teachers to the Skypark facility had taken place and there was now a sense of community operating there. The Committee heard that there were to be degree shows at both sites with transport between the two and those attending the shows being encouraged to attend at the two sites.
- *UKBA*: The Committee noted that the unusual situation with studio work for students means that a different approach has had to be adopted by GSA with international students for the admissions process and management practice. Monthly returns for monitoring attendance have been put in place by GSA as these help to monitor students. The Committee noted that Deloitte will undertake a UKBA audit in April. Additionally, a UKBA audit at GSA is expected during 2012.
- *ELIR*. The Committee noted that the Common Academic Framework (CAF) had now been fully implemented. The 'confidence' outcome of the ELIR report was contingent upon the full implementation of the CAF.

The Committee noted that the links between formative and summative assessment were in the process of being strengthened with Professor Drew working to make progress on this with Schools during 2011/2012.

### 3. Validation and Revalidation of Programmes

The Committee noted the validation and revalidation of GSA programmes as detailed in the report and as listed below:

MLitt Fine Art Practice

MSc Medical Visualisation and Human Anatomy

MDes Interior Design

MSc Product Design Engineering

BA (Hons) Communication Design

BA (Hons) Interior Design

BDes (Hons) Digital Culture

BA (Hons) Silversmithing and Jewellery Design

The following programmes were revalidated during 2010/2011:

MRes Creative Practices

Postgraduate Certificate in Supervision (Creative Practices)

BDes/MDes Product Design.

### 4. Academic Appeals and Complaints

The Committee noted that a review of the regulations and appeals procedures for programmes in this area was needed, in particular, those governing programmes within the Macintosh School of Architecture. Plans have been made for regulations for academic session 2012-2013 to be drafted as agreed by Academic Council. Dr Williamson is facilitating the revision of degree regulations with Heads of Schools with a view to offering them to the Senate Office for comment in early 2012. It was **agreed** that the timing for the UoG Academic Standards Committee (ASC) should be considered. The Committee heard that it was hoped that most regulations would be scheduled for consideration by ASC prior to its May meeting.

### 5. Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT)

The Committee heard that GSA was now engaging with two polytechnics in Singapore: Temasek and Nyang. Admissions for the latter were to open in February 2012 with the process being administered from Glasgow. GSA now has a Director working in Singapore. It was **agreed** that liaison between the UoG School of Engineering and GSA on SIT would be helpful in terms of organising events.

### 6. QAA guidelines for External Examiners

The Committee received the paper outlining the changes to Quality Assurance procedures for External Examiners and the areas in which changes would need to be made at UoG. It was **agreed** that UoG would liaise with GSA on this issue while recognising that there may be some divergence due to the nature of GSA's programmes.

## **7. Joint Board for Product Design Engineering & Joint Board for BEng/MEng Civil Engineering with Architecture.**

The minutes of both Joint Boards were received.

The following issues were discussed regarding the Joint Board for Product Design Engineering:

- Harmonising electronic feedback mechanisms for students on both campuses;
- Admission procedures for this newly validated MSc in Product Design Engineering. A meeting has been arranged for April involving GSA and University representatives from Planning, Registry, the Student Lifecycle Project and the Senate Office to make some progress on this issue subject to the approval of the Clerk of Senate.

The following issue was discussed in relation to both Boards but particularly in relation to the Joint Board for BEng/MEng Civil Engineering with Architecture:

- The Senate Office has been working on a template for reporting from Joint Boards to ASC in order to streamline reporting procedures. The timing of meetings was also an issue with Joint Boards being held very close to Liaison Committee meetings.

## **8. Other Business**

The Vice Convener extended thanks to the Convener on behalf of the Committee for the strong level of support he had given to the School. Professor Drew wished Professor Caie well for his retirement later in 2012.

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## Membership of the Liaison Committee 2011-2012

The Liaison Committee will meet annually to consider an annual report on the performance of all of the programmes leading to awards of the University delivered wholly or jointly by the Glasgow School of Art.

### Membership

#### *University of Glasgow*

Professor G Caie, Clerk of Senate (Convener)  
Dr J Aitken, Head of Senate Office  
Mr D Bennion, Head of Registry  
Professor E Moignard, College of Arts (nominee for Head of College of Arts)  
Professor J Marsh, Head of College of Science & Engineering  
Professor M Pittock, Head, College of Arts  
Dr Clare Willsdon, Reader, History of Art  
Professor N Pearce, Head of School, History of Art

#### *Glasgow School of Art*

Professor P Anderson, Director of the Digital Design Studio  
Professor Tim Collins, Acting Head of Graduate School  
Professor R Wilson, Head of School of Fine Art  
Professor I McAra-McWilliam, Head of School of Design  
Ms Sinead Dunn, SRC President  
Dr K Neil, Head of Historical and Critical Studies  
Ms C Nicholson, Head of Learning Resources  
Professor Chris Platt, Head of Mackintosh School of Architecture  
Professor Linda Drew, Acting Deputy Director and Director of Academic Development (Vice Convener)  
Dr C Williamson, Head of Academic and Student Services

#### *In attendance*

*Mrs Jackie McCluskey (UoG)*  
*Geraldine Perriam (UoG)*