

University of Glasgow**Academic Standards Committee – Friday 5 October 2012****Report from the Meeting of the Joint Board of the University of Glasgow and the Free Church College - 31 May 2012****Lesley Fielding, Senate Office****1 Remit and Membership 2012-13**

The Joint Board **resolved to recommend** the Remit and Membership for 2012-13 (Appendix 1) to the Academic Standards Committee.

2 Report on Teaching Programmes*2.1 Successor for Chair of Systematic Theology*

The Joint Board was advised that the new appointee for the position of Chair for Systematic Theology would be Dr Robert J Akroyd. The University agreed to provide an induction course for the new incumbent. The FCC was asked if they would be agreeable to some FCC professors undertaking some lectures for the School of Critical Studies. This would provide the opportunity for FCC staff to become more familiar with Theology and Religious Studies practices and contribute to developing closer links between the two institutions. The FCC was agreeable to this proposal.

2.2 UK Border Agency Sponsor Licence

The Principal of the FCC advised the Board that the forthcoming visit by the QAA on behalf of the UK Border Agency (UKBA) was scheduled for 13 and 14 September 2012. The FCC was dissatisfied with this proposed visit as the costs incurred were substantial. However the College was committed to this process and the FCC would proceed accordingly. It was agreed that Professor Jasper would attend the QAA visit as the University representative.

2.3 Quality Enhancement

The Joint Board learned that the Practical Theology provision was still under review. The process had been delayed due to the appointment of the new professor, however, it was hoped that the provision would be finalised in the near future.

2.4 Revalidation

The Joint Board discussed the revalidation of the BTh and MTh due to be held in Session 2012-13. The FCC suggested December 2012 for consideration for the revalidation event.

The Convenor advised the Board that the Partnership Review would take place in session 2013-14.

2.5 Qualitative Questionnaire

The Joint Board learned that the Qualitative Questionnaires had been considered by the Board of Studies. Professor Mackay confirmed that the questionnaire had been completed by all students for each class and that the responses had been collated and discussed.

4 Student Representative Report

The student representative reported that the proposed changes to the Practical Theology course were welcomed by the students as well as the amendments to the

questionnaire. The Board learned that, further to the Joint Board of 12 February 2012, the responses from the Board of Studies meetings were now communicated to the SRC. The student representative drew the attention of the Board to concerns held by the students pertaining to graduation. The students did not have access to the MyCampus system and hence could not register on-line for graduation. The Board learned that the students had completed the necessary paperwork and the difficulties appeared to have been resolved.

University of Glasgow and The Free Church of Scotland College

Title: Joint Board of the University of Glasgow and the Free Church of Scotland College

Remit:

1. To oversee the following programmes (taught or by research):
 - (a) Bachelor of Theology
 - (b) Master of Theology (by research)
 - (c) Master of Theology in Scottish Church History and Theology
2. To make recommendations to the Senate of the University and to the Senate of the College in respect of the validation of the above programmes.
3. To conduct periodic reviews of the above programmes, and make recommendations to the Senate of the University of Glasgow on the basis of their outcomes.
4. To make such recommendations as are appropriate to the Senate of the College.
5. To consider, for transmission to the Senate of the University of Glasgow for its approval, all nominations of external examiners to the University Court for the programmes listed in item 1 above.
6. To consider annually:
 - a) the recommendations of, and comments contained within, the reports of external examiners and the response of the College to the reports;
 - b) a report on the numbers and qualifications of students admitted to the validated programmes, and on the progress of students within the programmes;
 - c) the nomination of members of the College for recognition as teachers of the University;
 - d) the nomination of members of the Joint Appeals Committee.
7. To receive annual reports on, and keep under continuing review, the operation of the College's quality assurance procedures for all programmes overseen by the Joint Board.
8. To foster mutual understanding and co-operation and to encourage and review collaboration between the College and the University in areas of common interest.

Quorum:

The quorum of the Joint Board shall be four and shall comprise at least two representatives from each institution.

**Joint Board of the University of Glasgow and
The Free Church of Scotland College**

Membership 2012-13

University of Glasgow

Clerk of Senate (Convener)	Professor John Briggs
Head of College of Arts (or nominee)	Professor Elizabeth Moignard
Representative from the School of Critical Studies	Dr Lloyd Ridgeon
Representative from the School of Critical Studies	Professor David Jasper
Representative from the College of Arts	Dr Deidre Heddon

The College

Principal of the College (Vice Convener)	Professor John L Mackay
Two Representatives of the Teaching Staff	Professor John Macleod Professor John R McIntosh
President of the FCC SRC	Mr Neil MacDonald

In attendance

Director of Senate Office (or nominee)	Mrs Jackie McCluskey
Senate Office Clerk	Mrs Lesley Fielding

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