University of Glasgow

Academic Standards Committee – Friday 16 November 2012

Report from the Programme Approval Group for the College of Science & Engineering, held on 29 October 2012

Mrs R Cole, Senate Office

Present:

Professor N Evans (Convener), Dr B Burns, Dr A Orr, Ms L Johnstone

In attendance:

Mrs R Cole

1.   PROPOSAL

1.1   BSc (Hons) Computing Science (SIT) (New Programme)

Rationale: The proposal will add a computing science programme to the University's existing partnership with the Singapore Institute of Technology. The programme will be open to students who have good grades in a recognised Diploma in IT from a Singapore Polytechnic and will comprise two years, having the same structure as the final two years of the existing BSc honours programme in Computing Science.

Regulations: The programme will be governed by the generic undergraduate regulations and the supplementary regulations for the BSc currently on SciEng.11(UG) of the University Calendar.

Programme Specification: The PAG found the proposal documentation to be in good order with only minor issues requiring to be addressed:

s. 7: this currently contains a statement about the intention to seek accreditation. Given that these statements will be reproduced on the HEAR the statement should be moved into s.15. Once accreditation has been confirmed, the appropriate statement can go into s. 7.

s.11: Transferable skills 2nd line: 'including managing learning and development'. The PAG was not clear what was meant by this. Is this a reference to students managing their own learning and development or to that of a group (the PAG's view was that assessing the latter would be difficult).

s. 12: Intellectual skills. It was not clear what was meant by 'IT News Analysis' (news media pages or analysis of developments in the field of IT).

s. 15: A statement on local facilities should be added (as per other SIT programmes): 'Students can see local information on these services by logging on to the student portal on the SIT website http://www.singaporetech.edu.sg/

Proposal support document:

A3: Fourth para is slightly at odds with 2nd para ('entirely of courses identical ... concurrently') - there are some slight differences in courses and in schedule of presentation.

A3.1: Answer 'Yes' at odds with statement in programme specification that assessment is weighted 40 : 60 between JH and SH in the calculation of final programme outcome.

A5: 'Other' - Has there been consultation with Residential Services to ensure that summer school accommodation will be available?

B8: 'Not applicable': should be 'Yes', as External Examiner consultation shows a response to points raised.

Conclusion: The Group recommends the proposal to ASC, subject to the issues identified above being addressed.

Update: The requested changes have now been made and the Group recommends approval.