

University of Glasgow

Academic Standards Committee – Friday 4 October 2013

Report from the Joint Board of the University of Glasgow and
Christie's Education – 1 July 2013

Lesley Fielding, Senate Office

1. Remit and Membership 2012-13

The Board agreed that Ms Philippa Malvas should be added to the membership of the Joint Board for session 2013-14. The names of the student representatives for the forthcoming session would be advised in due course. The Joint Board **resolved to recommend** the revised Remit and Membership for 2013-14 to the Academic Standards Committee.

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

- Dr Peter Dent and Dr Andrew Stevenson had been appointed as new external examiners and their appointments commenced in January 2013. The Board noted that a replacement was required for Ms Rose Kerr, external examiner for Arts in China, whose appointment ends in December 2013.
- There had been a reduction in the number of cases of plagiarism, however, there was evidence of students who had sought help with their written English language work, receiving assistance with the content. The Board was informed that CE would review the regulations in order to discourage students from this practice.
- The Board discussed the University's Pre-Sessional Language courses. CE considered that this would be useful in the recruitment of students as it would enable them to offer conditional offers further to students successfully completing such a course.
- The MSc in Art, Law and Business had been validated and the Course Director and staff were currently working on the handbook for the programme.

3. UKBA

The Board learned the CE was in the process of preparing documentation for the QAA visit.

4. Student Award Agency Scotland (SAAS)

The Board discussed the recent difficulties concerning the SAAS pertaining to the structure of the MA (Hons) programme structure whereby students studied at CE for the first two years of the course and then completed years 3 and 4 at Glasgow. The problems related to CE's status as a private institution and to the students not being resident in Scotland during the first two years of the course. Additionally, CE was required to be a designated institution which should be granted when they received Highly Trusted Status.

The Board **agreed** that, in the interim, it was important that CE's web pages informed potential students that they should not expect to receive financial assistance for the first two years of this course. Further to this, CE should contact both the QAA and SAAS to clarify this situation. CE was advised that any correspondence and queries

pertaining to the SAAS should be sent to the Head of Registry for onward transmission to the SAAS.

5. Library/Learning Resources Report

The Board received the library report for session 2012-13 and noted the following points:

- CEE students now have their own CE email which students can use to apply for internships and similar
- New user material distributed at inductions, including LRC Code of Conduct. It was noted that this was not included in the CE Code of Conduct and it was noted that this should be updated in September 2013.
- SCONUL – Revised application procedures
- Increased book loan allocation
- New book lists

6. Student services Report

The Board noted that, overall, the students were satisfied with their courses. However, through lengthy discussions the Convener noted that the annual staff-student forum meeting was not sufficient to fully address the concerns raised by the students. The student representatives concurred that there should be more than one staff student forum held within the session.

The Board discussed the timing of the election of students and it was considered that this should be done earlier in the first term. Student opinion should also be canvassed regarding the timing of additional meetings with communication by email being identified as the most effective method.

7. Academic Probation

The Student Services Manager tabled a paper which proposed an amendment to the CE regulations in order that students had a clearer procedure for academic probation. The paper outlined the various steps that would be taken in the instances of a student whose academic performance has fallen below satisfactory standards. The Board **agreed** to the amendment of the regulation to include this proposal.

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Title: Joint Board of the University of Glasgow and Christie's Education, London

Remit:

1. To oversee the following programmes:
 - History of Art & Art-World Practice (MA) (MLitt) (Graduate Diploma)
 - MSc Art, Law and Business Programme
 - Doctor of Philosophy
2. To make recommendations to the Senate of the University and the Executive Committee of Christie's Education, London in respect of the validation of the above programmes.
3. To conduct periodic reviews of the above programmes, and make recommendations to Senate on the basis of their outcomes.
4. To make such recommendations as are appropriate to the Executive Committee of Christie's Education, London.
5. To consider, for transmission to Senate for its approval, all nominations of external examiners to the University Court for programmes in the field of history of art and the decorative arts leading to awards of the University of Glasgow taught wholly or jointly at Christie's Education.
6. To consider annually:
 - (a) the recommendations of, and comments contained within, the reports of external examiners and the response of the Executive Committee of Christie's Education, London 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 Christie's Education for recognition as teachers of the University.
7. To receive annual reports on, and keep under continuing review, the operation of the University's quality assurance procedures for all programmes overseen by the Joint Board.
8. To encourage collaboration between Christie's Education and the University in the field of the history of art and the decorative arts.

Christie's Education Membership - Session 2013-14

Composition

University of Glasgow

Clerk of Senate or nominee
Head of College of Arts (or nominee)
Head of School of Culture and Creative Arts/
Richmond Chair of Fine Art
Course Director for MLitt Programmes
SRC Representative
School of Culture and Creative Arts Administrator

Membership

Professor J Briggs
Professor E Moignard
Professor N Pearce

Ms E Hancock
To be advised
Dr A Boyd

Christie's Education

Academic Director, MLitt programme
Course Director, Programme Option A
Course Director, Programme Option B
Course Director, Programme Option C
Course Director, Programme Option D
Course Director, MLitt programme
MLitt programme
Managing Director (*ex officio* member)
Learning Resources Manager (*ex officio* member)
Finance Officer and Bursar (*ex officio* member)
Student representative

Professor M Michael
Dr R Plant
Mr A Spira
Ms L Perrotte
Ms N Cura
Mr G Gasparini
Ms P Malvas
Ms Jane Hay
Ms N Held
Ms Natasha Gooden
To be advised

In attendance

Head of Senate Office (or nominee)
Administrator, Senate Office

Mrs J McCluskey
To be advised

September 2013