

University of Glasgow

Academic Standards Committee – Friday 3 October 2014

Periodic Subject Review: Update on Responses to Recommendation 10 arising from the Review of School of Education held on 27 and 28 February 2012

Mrs Catherine Omand, Senate Office

Recommendation 10

The Panel **recommends** that the School develop an overview of its programmes for the School's webpages, outlining briefly what the programme provides and who it is aimed at. [Paragraph 4.6.2]

Action: Head of School***Status (May 2013) - implementing now***

This recommendation converged with other, widespread concerns about an inadequate and fragmentary web presence of the School of Education on the university pages. Since the review, CoSS has embarked with all of the Schools on a broad-ranging collaborative review of the purposes and aims of the web pages and each School has been tasked with prioritising PGR communication, personal academic webpages and throughput of student enquiries and information-gathering. In January of 2013, we secured the services of a Web Content Manager from Corporate Communications to work with own dedicated web administrators to repurpose the web pages in line with the Recommendation and in synchrony with other improvements linked to REF, dissemination and the projection of research capacity and achievements. While the exercise has been somewhat protracted, tangible gains have begun to appear in recent weeks, including the extension of moderator access to all staff. This will support restyling of the programme presentation pages implied in the Recommendation. A College workshop aimed at ongoing enhancement of the L&T webpages across the College and Schools will soon be held and an academic member of staff in Education will be invited to join that workshop given his active engagement with web and social media technologies.

Update October 2013 – Ongoing

We have made some progress on this through REF investment, but it is now College responsibility and we have gone less far than had been hoped.

Update April 2014

The recommendation related to publication of an overview of programmes on the School's webpages. Since the beginning of the current academic session renovation of College and School webpages has been an institutional priority, beginning with REF related research requirements and extending to PGR, PGT and UG education. This process is now well advanced and an examination of our current webpages would reassure the PSR Panel that much work has been done to establish programme structures and templates in an easily accessible form. The work is not entirely complete and has been required to synchronise with the major overhaul of UG and PGT education mandated by Teaching Scotland's Future. Our new TSF compliant programmes are to be launched in August 2014 and completion of the redesign of the webpages will harmonise with this.

Update September 2014

We believe recommendation 10 has now been fully overtaken in relation to the revamped webpages of the School of Education and the College of Social Sciences as a whole. Full accreditation of our major Undergraduate programme, the MEd in Primary Education was only finalised by GTCS at the beginning of August and we have some further refinements to make to the content pages. However our web presence now maps content and audience for our UG and PG provision and we will continue to improve this as further web tools and enhancements are introduced this session.