

University of Glasgow**Academic Standards Committee – Friday 3 October 2014****Report from the Meeting of the Joint Liaison Committee of the
University of Glasgow and Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) held on
11 December 2013****Geraldine Perriam, Clerk to the Liaison Committee****1. Remit and Membership**

Changes to the remit of the Committee were proposed. The changes related to the maintenance of a risk register and the annual monitoring of the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA). It was agreed that these be included.

It was further agreed that the current remit for the Committee was too brief and that the remit be expanded at a future date to reflect the revised MoA that is due for renewal in session 2014-15.¹ The revised remit would be circulated to all members of the Committee for approval once the MoA had been renewed.

Academic Standards Committee is invited to **approve** the remit and membership of the Liaison Committee, as specified in [Appendix 1](#).

2. Report from the Student Sabbatical Association Officer

Mr Law provided a verbal report to the Committee. He advised that, post-merger, the Student Association at SRUC had two Sabbatical Officers and six non-Sabbatical Officers.

A logo for the SRUCSA for the newly formed institution had been agreed. With an increase in the number of campuses for SRUC, there had been a challenge for SRUCSA as there was a considerable geographical distance to cover in order to provide a presence and representation of SRUCSA on each campus. There was now a strategic central point for the Student Association and the provision of local groupings across campuses. SRUCSA was congratulated by the Committee on its achievements pre- and post-merger. The University SRC offered assistance with SRUCSA in developing a greater web presence.

3. Annual Report from SRUC for session 2012-13

The following points were noted from the report:

- 3.1 The Education Division had been restructured post-merger and organised into six curriculum departments. Heads of department had been appointed in June, 2013;
- 3.2 The SRUC group Board had approved the proposal that in future, one member of the University/SRUC Joint Liaison Committee should become a member of the SRUC Education Board. (See Appendix 1 for the Membership of the Committee);

¹ The present MoA had been extended for a further year with agreement from both the University and SRUC

- 3.3 In addition to the ELIR visit by the QAA there would also be a review of FE provision by Education Scotland. The first part of ELIR would take place in March, 2014 and the second would take place in April, 2014;
- 3.4 The first National Student Survey (NSS) held at SRUC had produced an overall satisfaction rate of 80%. SRUC would aim to achieve the overall Scottish satisfaction rate of 86% by the third year of participation, in 2015. SRUC were congratulated on the result of the first NSS;
- 3.5 Due to ELIR, the planned Institution-led Subject Review (ISR) of Environment Subjects (including programmes validated by both UoG and Edinburgh University) had been postponed until May, 2014. Approval for the postponement would be sought from the Academic Standards Committee.²
- 3.6 The Committee noted the statistics for students regarding gender, ethnicity and disability but suggested that further information on trends in these areas would be helpful for the next report.

4. New members of teaching staff

Academic Standards Committee is invited to **approve** the following staff, as listed below in Table 1 for recognition as Teachers of the University.

| Name | Qualifications | Dept, Division Campus | Position | Expertise |
|---------------------------|--|--|-----------------------|--|
| Laura Cohen | BSc (Hons) Ecology, MSc Soil Science | Horticulture, Education, Edinburgh | Part-time Lecturer | Soil Science, practical horticulture |
| Johanna Lausen-Higgins | BSc (Hons) Horticulture with Plantsmanship, MA Garden History | Horticulture, Education, Edinburgh | Part-time Lecturer | Garden history, heritage conservation, historic fruit growing practices. |

Table 1: new members of staff for approval, SRUC.

² University of Edinburgh had also agreed to the postponement of the review

University of Glasgow
Joint Liaison Committee for the University of Glasgow and SRUC

Remit and Membership

2013-14

Remit

The Liaison Committee will meet annually to:

- a) Consider an annual report on the performance of all of the programmes leading to awards of the University delivered wholly or jointly by the SRUC;
- b) Monitor and ensure, on an annual basis, that the terms and conditions and expectations that were originally approved have been, and continue to be, met;
- c) Consider annually ongoing risk management and maintenance of a risk register.

Membership

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| <i>University</i> | |
| Clerk of Senate [Convener] | Professor John Briggs |
| Director of Senate Office (or nominee) | Dr Jack Aitken |
| Head of School of Life Sciences | Dr Rob Aitken |
| Head of School of Veterinary Medicine | Professor Ewan Cameron |
| University Member (College of Medical Veterinary and Life Sciences) or SRUC Member of SRUC's Education Committee* | Dr Jim Anderson (nominee for Professor Jill Morrison, Dean of Learning and Teaching, MVLS) |
| University Member as Representative on SRUC's Education Committee | Dr Jim Anderson (as above) |
| University Member (Crichton Campus) and member of SRUC's Learning and Skills Committee (alternate years) ³ | Dr Donald MacLeod |
| SRC Representative | TBC |
| <i>Scottish Agricultural College</i> | |
| Principal or nominee [Vice Convener] ⁴ | Professor David McKenzie |
| Assistant Principal, Higher Education | Dr Kyrsten Black |
| Academic Development Manager, Higher Education | Dr Chris Smith |
| A student representative (SRUC Student Association Sabbatical President) | Mr Cameron Law |
| <i>In Attendance</i> | |
| Teaching Group Managers and/or Programme Leaders, as and if required | |
| Senior Academic Policy Manager, Senate Office | Mrs Jackie McCluskey |
| Academic Policy Manager, Senate Office, Clerk | Dr Geraldine Perriam |

³ It should be noted that the name of this committee may be revised at a later date.

⁴ The Principal and Vice Principal, Research attending as and when required.