University of Glasgow

Academic Standards Committee – Friday 14 November 2014

Report from the Programme Approval Group for the College of Arts, held on 31 October 2014

Ms H Clegg, Senate Office

Present:

Mr M Karrasch, Professor K O'Dell (Convener), Dr A O'Neill, Dr A Morgan-Thomas

In attendance:

Ms H Clegg.

1. POSTGRADUATE PROPOSALS

1.1 MSc Creative Industries & Cultural Policy (New Programme)

Rationale: The programme was being proposed in order to meet student demand, to expand the teaching profile of the Centre for Cultural Policy Research and capitalise on staff specialisms, and to reflect the research being undertaken by Centre staff.

Regulations: The programme will be governed by the regulations set out in the University Calendar at Arts 24-28 (PG). It will be added to the list of awards at Arts 27-28 (PG).

Programme Specification: The Group considered the Programme Specification for this programme, and raised the following points requiring to be addressed:

- In Section 11, the field should be left blank, as the content of the field is published on the HEAR;

- In Section 14, use of 'describe' should be avoided for a Masters level programme. The first ILO under 'intellectual skills' should be reworded to avoid the use of 'think'. The word 'skills' should be added to the final sub-heading;

- In Section 15, only a list of the assessment methods is required. Should the proposer wish to provide more detail, the second and sixth paragraphs should be deleted as these do not describe assessment methods;

- In Section 18, the optional courses should either be added to the table, or a web link should be provided instead of listing the options underneath the table. Part (d) of the regulations information should be deleted;

Conclusion:

The Group recommends the proposal to ASC, subject to the amendments identified above being made.

Update: The PAG confirms that all requirements have now been met and recommends the programme.

2. SPOT-CHECKING OF PROPOSALS

Under the current process, Programme Approval Groups examine only the programme specification and support document for programme proposals. However, PAGs reserve the right to ask for full documentation if desired. It was recommended in the Deloitte

Internal Audit report that occasional 'spot checks' be undertaken on proposal documentation.

- **MLitt Fantasy (New) (Withdrawn from PAG Business)**

The documentation for the proposed new MLitt Fantasy programme was requested under the spot-checking procedures. However, on requesting the full documentation, College advised that the documentation relating to the component courses had not been presented to the College Board of Studies, and that only verbal descriptions of the courses had been given.

After consultation with the Convener of Academic Standards Committee, it was agreed to remove the MLitt Fantasy proposal from the PAG's business until such times as the course documentation received full consideration and approval by College. Therefore, it has not been included in this report.

College has advised that the documentation relating to the component courses has been produced but a misunderstanding meant it was not presented to College in the usual way. The PAG will submit its recommendations on the MLitt Fantasy proposal as an appendix to this paper in the event that the full documentation, approved by College, becomes available to it for consideration before the meeting of ASC on 14 November 2014.