

University of Glasgow

Academic Standards Committee – Friday 14 November 2014

Report from the Programme Approval Group for the College of Medical, Veterinary and Life Sciences, held on 29 October 2014

Ms H Clegg, Senate Office

Present:

Professor B Hill (Convener), Professor D Macgregor, Dr B Randall

Apologies:

Ms J Ramsey

In attendance:

Ms H Clegg, Ms G Honeyman

1. *POSTGRADUATE PROPOSALS*1.1 **MSc Immunology & Inflammatory Disease (New Programme)**

Rationale: The programme was being introduced in order to address the loss of specialist teaching in the subject at Masters level. It aimed to better equip graduates to carry out research in this area.

Regulations: The programme will be governed by the regulations set out in the University Calendar at MVLS 41-44 (PG). It will be added to the list of awards at MVLS 44 (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 13, in the second paragraph, text should be amended to read either 'state of the art techniques' or 'modern techniques';
- In Section 18, sub headings reflecting the text under 'features' should be added to the table, so that the reader can easily see the pattern of options to be chosen. The named exit awards should be indicated either at the appropriate point within the table, or underneath the current 'features' text. Part (d) of the regulations information should be deleted;
- In Section 19, more information about the national symposium to be attended by students should be added. The Group asked for clarification on the cost of attending the symposium and whether this was included in the fee for the programme given that it appeared to be compulsory, and also whether any assessment was attached to symposium attendance;
- In Section 20, the information should be changed to read '2015-16'.

Conclusion:

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

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.

Given that only one proposal was submitted, no spot checking was performed on this occasion.