

University of Glasgow**Academic Standards Committee – Friday 17 April 2015****Report from the Meeting of the Joint Liaison Committee of the University of Glasgow and Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) held on 15 January 2015****Kenneth Hutton, Clerk to the Liaison Committee****1. Remit and Membership**

Changes to the membership of the Committee were proposed. The changes related to the standing down of SRUC's Education Committee, the change in student members and a change of clerk.

Academic Standards Committee is invited to **approve** the membership of the Liaison Committee, as specified in Appendix 1.

2. Report from the Student Sabbatical Association Officer.

Mr Robb provided a verbal report to the Committee. He advised that Scotland's Rural College Students' Association (SRUCSA) was now in its second year of existence and was working well. The key challenge of communication across campuses remained but progress had been made through, for example, appointing two full time student representatives who had been working with other representatives across campuses.

SRUCSA aimed to build further links internally and with other student bodies including UoG's SRC. SRUCSA had created a Student Partnership Agreement with a view to working more closely together between campuses and with staff. This was seen as a positive development by the JLC.

The SRC and SRUCSA had agreed to share experiences of dealing with campuses some distance apart and had felt that such an exchange could be mutually beneficial and could be conducted using video conferencing as could some communications between campuses.

The Committee was reminded of SRC's continued offer of assistance to 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 It was now anticipated that the SRUC Education Manual would be ready for the start of the 2015-16 academic year. Any major changes would be submitted to ASC for consideration.
- 3.2 New procedures had been developed to satisfy internal and external verification/moderation requirements for the SQA-validated programmes, including HNC/D and

the curricula which forms the first two years of the Glasgow-validated undergraduate degree programmes.

- 3.3 Following recent review, two years after merger, the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) had expressed overall satisfaction with post-merger developments at SRUC and had decided that a further follow-up visit was not necessary.
- 3.4 External examiners had identified areas requiring urgent attention in the BSc Countryside Management, MSc Countryside Management and BSc Horticulture/Horticulture with Plantsmanship. SRUC had responded to the external examiners concerned and would forward these documents to UoG.
- 3.5 Several areas of good practice had also been identified by external examiners.
- 3.6 The part-time MSc Countryside Management delivered by distance learning – first validated in 2010 - was due for revalidation in the 2015/16 academic year by which time two cohorts would have graduated. The issues identified by external examiners would be considered during the revalidation process.

3.7 *SRUC Action Plan*

In response to the outcome of ELIR and the Education Scotland FE review, SRUC had developed a comprehensive combined action plan which they were monitoring regularly. Progress would be reported at forthcoming interim meetings and meetings of the JLC.

- 3.8 The Committee was unable to consider approval of associated teachers of the University since SRUC was not able to provide the information in time for the meeting. The Committee **agreed** that the Convener could approve the staff on behalf of the Committee prior to final consideration at ASC. (See Item 4.)

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.

Table 1:

Name	Qualifications	Department, Division, Campus	Position	Expertise
Dr Mia Aitchison	BSc (Hons) Zoology PhD Biological Sciences: Energetic Physiology	Engineering Science & Technology, Education Division, Ayr	Lecturer in Animal Science	Energetics, energy partitioning, anatomy and behaviour in broilers. Teaches: Nutrition, livestock breeding, statistics, research skills; animal reproduction, growth and development, feed technology, lactation and neonatal nutrition

Jeremy Taylor	ND Agriculture ND Agricultural Engineering BSc. (Hons) Green Technology (SAC)	Engineering Science & Technology, Education Division, Ayr	Lecturer in Environmental Engineering.	Energy, Managing Entropy, International Agriculture. Agricultural Project management and implementation. Teaches modules in engineering, waste management, and environmental management
Dr Derek Hall	BA, PhD, PGDipLing, FRGS, FTS, MIEEnvSc, MILAM	Sport and Tourism, Education Division, Ayr	Lecturer in Tourism	Social and cultural dimensions of tourism. Rural tourism and development in Central and Eastern Europe
Julia Gourley	BSc Agriculture	Sport and Tourism, Education Division, Ayr	Lecturer in Tourism	Equine Business Operations, Equestrian Tourism Management
Nathalie Micoud	BA (Hons) Rural Business Management	Agriculture & Business Management, Education Division, Aberdeen	Lecturer in Business Management	Teaching modules in Economics, Marketing and Management. Research interests include Food Security and the Equestrian Industry.
Harry Warburton	BA (Hons) Sports coaching and development	Sport and Tourism, Education Division, Ayr	Lecturer in Sport	Teach modules in sport and recreation and leadership
Name	Qualifications	Department, Division, Campus	Position	Expertise
Dr Graham McGrann	PhD. Plant Virology MSc. Crop Protection and Biotechnology BSc. Biology	Crop and Soils, Research Division, Edinburgh	Researcher/Lecturer in Crop Protection	Research interests include dissecting the molecular mechanisms that underpin plant-pathogen interactions in crops. Teach modules in plant protection and plant biotic interactions.
Ross Alexander	PhD Plant Molecular	Crop and Soils, Research	Researcher/Lecturer in Crop Science	Research interests include unravelling and understanding

	Biology BSc Biological Sciences	Division, Edinburgh		the molecular mechanisms by which crop plants respond to abiotic stresses. Teach modules in crop production and agronomy
Peter Kettlewell	BSc (Hons) Physiology BSc (Hons) Agricultural Engineering	Agriculture & Business Management, Education Division, Edinburgh	Lecturer in Agricultural Mechanisation	Research interests include animal welfare, especially welfare of livestock during transport. Teaching Agricultural Mechanisation to Agriculture and Horticulture students.
Scott Murray	BSc (Hons) Agriculture MBA	Agriculture & Business Management, Education Division, Edinburgh	Lecturer in Agriculture and Business Management	Teaching includes Rural Business Diversification, Grassland Management, Agricultural Economics and Marketing, Organic Production Systems, Planning Budgeting and Control. Input to a range of commercial consultancy activities including Farm Diversification and crop production.
Naomi Scott	BSc Agriculture	Agriculture & Business Management, Education Division, Edinburgh	Assistant Lecturer in Livestock Production	Livestock marketing, livestock records, livestock production systems, pig production.
John Flanagan	BSc Agriculture (Animal Science)	Agriculture & Business Management, Education Division, Ayr	Lecturer in Agriculture	All aspects of livestock production, particularly dairy, beef and sheep enterprises.
Name	Qualifications	Department, Division, Campus	Position	Expertise
Dr Angelo Gallone	Integrated MSc Agricultural	Horticulture & Landscape,	Lecturer in Horticulture	Research interest: Horticulture, Plant

	Science and Technology MSc Natural Science PhD Horticulture	Education Division, Edinburgh		Tissue Culture, Agroecology. Teaching: Plant Recognition and Use, Advanced Plant Propagation, Horticultural Plant Physiology, Ornamental Plant Production
Douglas Coltart	BSc(Hons) Landscape Architecture Masters in Business Administration	Horticulture & Landscape, Education Division, Edinburgh	Programme & Team Leader for Horticulture	Garden and Landscape Design, Horticulture Specialising in the design and renovation of small public and large private spaces
James Crichton	BSc (Hons) Horticulture	Horticulture & Landscape, Education Division, Ayr	Lecturer in Horticulture	Landscape practice and nursery stock production
Phil Wrigglesworth	BSc (Hons) Animal Science MSc Animal Welfare PGCE	Agriculture & Business Management, Education Division, Aberdeen	Lecturer in Agriculture	Livestock science and welfare

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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 SRUC;
- b) monitor and ensure 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

<i>University</i>	
Clerk of Senate (Convener)	Professor John Briggs
Head of School of Life Sciences	Professor Rob Aitken
Head of School of Veterinary Medicine	Professor Ewan Cameron
University Member (University Member MVLS)	Professor Jim Anderson (nominee for Professor Jill Morrison, Dean of Learning and Teaching, MVLS)
University Member (Dumfries Campus representative, College of Social Sciences)	Dr Donald MacLeod
Head of Academic Collaborations Office (or nominee)	Mrs Jackie McCluskey
SRC Representative	Ms Nicola McGuire
<i>Scotland's Rural College</i>	
Principal (or nominee) (Vice Convener) ¹	Professor David McKenzie
Assistant Principal, Higher Education	Dr Kyrsten Black
Academic Development Manager, Higher Education	Dr Chris Smith
A student representative (President or nominee of SRUC Student Association)	Mr Alex Robb/Ms Briony Dall
<i>In Attendance</i>	
Teaching Group Managers and/or Programme Leaders, as and if required	
Academic Collaborations Manager (Clerk)	Dr Kenneth Hutton

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¹ Vice Principal Research attending as and when required.