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.

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<tr>
<td>Dr Mia Aitchison</td>
<td>BSc (Hons) Zoology, PhD Biological Sciences: Energetic Physiology</td>
<td>Engineering Science &amp; Technology, Education Division, Ayr</td>
<td>Lecturer in Animal Science</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>Dr Derek Hall</td>
<td>BA, PhD, PGDipLing, FRGS, FTS, MIEEnvSc, MILAM</td>
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<td>Lecturer in Tourism</td>
<td>Social and cultural dimensions of tourism. Rural tourism and development in Central and Eastern Europe</td>
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<td>Julia Gourley</td>
<td>BSc Agriculture</td>
<td>Sport and Tourism, Education Division, Ayr</td>
<td>Lecturer in Tourism</td>
<td>Equine Business Operations, Equestrian Tourism Management</td>
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<td>Nathalie Micoud</td>
<td>BA (Hons) Rural Business Management</td>
<td>Agriculture &amp; Business Management, Education Division, Aberdeen</td>
<td>Lecturer in Business Management</td>
<td>Teaching modules in Economics, Marketing and Management. Research interests include Food Security and the Equestrian Industry.</td>
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<td>Harry Warburton</td>
<td>BA (Hons) Sports coaching and development</td>
<td>Sport and Tourism, Education Division, Ayr</td>
<td>Lecturer in Sport</td>
<td>Teach modules in sport and recreation and leadership</td>
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| 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. |
<p>| Ross Alexander  | PhD Plant Molecular                                 | Crop and Soils, Research     | Researcher/Lecturer in Crop Science  | Research interests include unravelling and understanding |</p>
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<td>Dr Angelo Gallone</td>
<td>Integrated MSc Agriculture</td>
<td>Horticulture &amp; Landscape, Edinburgh</td>
<td>Lecturer in Horticulture</td>
<td>Research interest: Horticulture, Plant</td>
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<td>Peter Kettlewell</td>
<td>BSc (Hons) Physiology BSc (Hons) Agricultural Engineering</td>
<td>Agriculture &amp; Business Management, Education Division, Edinburgh</td>
<td>Lecturer in Agricultural Mechanisation</td>
<td>Research interests include animal welfare, especially welfare of livestock during transport. Teaching Agricultural Mechanisation to Agriculture and Horticulture students.</td>
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<td>Scott Murray</td>
<td>BSc (Hons) Agriculture MBA</td>
<td>Agriculture &amp; Business Management, Education Division, Edinburgh</td>
<td>Lecturer in Agriculture and Business Management</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Naomi Scott</td>
<td>BSc Agriculture</td>
<td>Agriculture &amp; Business Management, Education Division, Edinburgh</td>
<td>Assistant Lecturer in Livestock Production</td>
<td>Livestock marketing, livestock records, livestock production systems, pig production.</td>
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<td>John Flanagan</td>
<td>BSc Agriculture (Animal Science)</td>
<td>Agriculture &amp; Business Management, Education Division, Ayr</td>
<td>Lecturer in Agriculture</td>
<td>All aspects of livestock production, particularly dairy, beef and sheep enterprises.</td>
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**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.

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<td>Douglas Coltart</td>
<td>BSc(Hons) Landscape Architecture Masters in Business Administration</td>
<td>Horticulture &amp; Landscape, Education Division, Edinburgh</td>
<td>Programme &amp; Team Leader for Horticulture</td>
<td>Garden and Landscape Design, Horticulture Specialising in the design and renovation of small public and large private spaces</td>
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<td>James Crichton</td>
<td>BSc (Hons) Horticulture</td>
<td>Horticulture &amp; Landscape, Education Division, Ayr</td>
<td>Lecturer in Horticulture</td>
<td>Landscape practice and nursery stock production</td>
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<tr>
<td>Phil Wrigglesworth</td>
<td>BSc (Hons) Animal Science MSc Animal Welfare PGCE</td>
<td>Agriculture &amp; Business Management, Education Division, Aberdeen</td>
<td>Lecturer in Agriculture</td>
<td>Livestock science and welfare</td>
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Joint Liaison Committee for the University of Glasgow and SRUC
Remit and Membership
2014-15

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

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

Dr Kenneth Hutton

March 2015

1 Vice Principal Research attending as and when required.