

**University of Glasgow****Academic Standards Committee – Friday 15 April 2016****Report from the Meeting of the Joint Liaison Committee of the  
University of Glasgow (UoG) and Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)  
held on 8 December 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 staff changes at both SRUC and UoG.

The 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 advised on the structure of the SRUC Students' Association (SRUCSA) where students were now represented on a number of committees, boards and a Campus Council for each campus.

SRUCSA had continued to work with SRUC staff on the SPA (Student Partnership Agreement) which was retaining the projects on: (i) Careers; (ii) Learning and Student Community; (iii) Communication.

Marketing materials (leaflets) had promoted the fact that SRUC was now a single entity. The closer identity and the use of social media had helped communications across campuses. UoG Board members were assured that communication between the campuses had improved.

It was intended that there would be student representation next year in matters concerning Equality and Diversity where a SRUCSA representative would link to what the NSS are involved in in this area. SRUC had also appointed an Equality & Diversity Manager.

**3. Annual Report from SRUC for Session 2014-15**

The following points were noted from the Report:

- 3.1 Progress on some issues had been affected by the uncertainty as a result of the talks on closer alignment with the University of Edinburgh (UoE), but now that these talks had concluded SRUC's future strategy would be clearly set out in due course.
- 3.2 A working group had been established at SRUC to resume consideration of Degree Awarding Powers (DAP) which would include consideration of future four-year degrees. The group would report to the Academic Board early in 2016 and update UoG after that. Postgraduate Taught (PGT) provision would also be under discussion.

- 3.3 NSS results were discussed and members **noted** that because of the relatively small cohorts on many SRUC programmes, summary data for some individual programmes are not available. As a result data often had to be considered for groupings of similar programmes. With the main exception of HND Veterinary Nursing, few students on HN programmes at the Barony, Elmwood or Oatridge campuses currently qualify to participate in NSS which requires enrolment on programmes of two years or more.
- 3.4 Student feedback was an important area in the SPA (Student Partnership Agreement) and Heads of Department were targeted to supply feedback from staff to ensure that this area of the SPA was met.
- 3.5 It was **noted** from the Annual Report that staffing issues had been raised by seven programme teams at SRUC. The main areas highlighted related to the management of supply teaching staff to ensure they met quality standards and the slow replacement of staff following resignation or provision of cover during long-term illness. SRUC members confirmed that this had not led to particular problems but that it was something SRUC was monitoring.
- 3.6 Members **noted** that production of the Education Manual was progressing but had been held up due to resourcing challenges. Uncertainty around the situation with UoE had also affected the Manual's production. SRUC had been working more recently on the sizeable HN element of the Manual and in making the Manual commensurate with the UoG Calendar changes. SRUC intended to devote more resources to the production of the Manual and would advise on progress.
- 3.7 SRUC's PGT programmes were all part-time, taught by distance learning and all validated by UoG. There was only one degree at UG level which was validated by UoE. It had not been clear from the Annual Report as to what size the total student population at SRUC had been, what percentages were studying at UG and PGT levels, what percentages had studied on each programme and what was validated by UoE and by UoG separately. It was **agreed** that a breakdown of figures would be helpful and should be provided in next year's Annual Report.
- 3.8 The Committee received information on the qualifications and experience of two new members of SRUC's academic staff who would be providing teaching and/or assessment toward a UoG award. (See Item 4.)

Should any ASC member wish to see SRUC's full Annual Report, please contact Dr Kenneth Hutton, Clerk to the JLC: [Kenneth.Hutton@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:Kenneth.Hutton@glasgow.ac.uk).

#### 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	Dept, Division Campus	Previous Post(s)
Dr Yolanda Fernandez Diez	BSc Environmental Studies, Technology & Oceanography; MEng, Chemical Engineering; PhD, Engineering –	Department of Engineering, Science & Technology, SRUC Ayr	Research Fellow/Research Associate, School of Engineering & Physical Sciences, Heriot Watt University, 2012-2014;

	Chemical; Postgraduate Certificate in Education; Associate Fellow of HEA	Campus	Beltane Public Engagement Fellow, Beltane Public Engagement Network, Centre for Academic Enhancement, University of Edinburgh, 2013; Research Fellow, Department of Chemical & Environmental Engineering, University of Nottingham, 2011-2012
Kirsty McRae	MPhil, University of Stirling (2011) "Carbohydrate Ingestion and Skill Performance in Tennis"; Post Graduate Diploma in Sport Injury Rehabilitation, St. Mary's University College, Twickenham (2008); BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise Science, Loughborough University (2006)	Department of Sport and Tourism, SRUC Ayr Campus	Lecturer in Sport & Fitness at the Skills Centre of Excellence, Ayrshire College, Irvine, Jan – August 2015; Research Associate, University of Stirling. Research into the Effect of blue light (short wave) exposure on reactions of cognitive and lower limb extension parameters. Jan – Dec 2012; Tennis Development Manager for Tennis Scotland (North Region), 2009 – 2015

## University of Glasgow

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

## Remit and Membership

2015-16

**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 that the terms and conditions and expectations that were originally approved have been, and continue to be, met;
- c) consider ongoing risk management and maintenance of a risk register.<sup>1</sup>

**Membership**

<b>University</b>	
Clerk of Senate (Convener)	Professor John Briggs
Head of School of Life Sciences	Professor Simon Guild
Head of School of Veterinary Medicine	Professor Ewan Cameron
University Member (College of MVLS)	Professor Jim Anderson (nominee for Professor Jill Morrison, Dean of Learning and Teaching, MVLS)
Crichton Campus representative (College of Social Sciences)	Dr Donald MacLeod
Head of Academic Collaborations Office (or nominee)	Mrs Jackie McCluskey
SRC Representative (or nominee)	Mr Liam King
<b>Scotland's Rural College<sup>2</sup></b>	
Principal (or nominee) (Vice Convener)	Professor Geoff Simm
Assistant Principal, Higher Education	Dr Kyrsten Black
Academic Development Manager, Higher Education	Dr Chris Smith
SRUC Student Association President (or nominee)	Mr Alex Robb
<b>In Attendance</b>	
Teaching Group Managers and/or Programme Leaders, as and if required	
Academic Collaborations Manager (Clerk)	Dr Kenneth Hutton

November 2015

<sup>1</sup> Subject to approval at the meeting of the Joint Liaison Committee 2015-16.

<sup>2</sup> Vice Principal Research attending as and when required.