

## University of Glasgow

## Academic Standards Committee – Friday 20 May 2016

**Proposal from Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) to Transfer Delivery of the BA Sports Coaching & Development at SRUC's Ayr Campus to the University of the West of Scotland's (UWS) Ayr Campus**

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**Proposal**

The Academic Standards Committee is asked to **note** that future delivery of the four-year honours degree programme **BA Sports Coaching & Development** at SRUC's Ayr Campus will be taken over by UWS until the final UoG students have completed and that **reporting** of the Programme to UoG will continue through the existing mechanisms with SRUC including two annual interim meetings and an Annual Report to be submitted to the annual UoG/SRUC Joint Liaison Committee.

**Rationale**

As SRUC seeks to position itself as the national specialist provider in land-based education and training, it is currently evaluating the potential transfer of some existing education and training provision that could be categorised as 'non land based' to other institutions in the FE/HE sectors. Such a move will also ensure that SRUC is aligned with the principle of the National Strategy for Land-based Education and Training.

The **BA Sports Coaching & Development** programme has been identified as 'non land based' and, after initial meetings with representatives from UWS and SRUC it was agreed that SRUC would cease to deliver the programme and UWS would deliver their own programme in time and, with the agreement of UoG would transfer the existing students to UWS on the same conditions as currently at SRUC until the SRUC/UoG cohort had completed their studies.

Discussions took place in the UoG Senate Office and Academic Collaborations Office which focused on the continuation of certain assurances being undertaken by SRUC and UWS to ensure that no quality or practical issues would arise during the "teach-out" phase. These were conveyed to SRUC and UWS, and UoG will continue to monitor the **BA Sports Coaching & Development** through existing reporting mechanisms.

It might also be useful for ASC members to know that the teaching staff will remain the same and that the programme was last reviewed and revalidated by UoG in 2015.