# University of Glasgow

# Academic Standards Committee – Friday 30 September 2016

## Proposal from College of Arts (Music) to Change the Awarding Body for the MMus in Historically Informed Performance Practice

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### Proposal

The Academic Standards Committee is asked to note that from 2017-18 the awarding body for the **MMus in Historically Informed Performance Practice** will change from the University of Glasgow to the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. Joint teaching and programme/course development between the two institutions will remain, but quality assurance matters will be transferred to RCS when the MMus is no longer a UoG award. It may be worth noting that this will not be a joint award: it will be an award solely of RCS.

#### Rationale

The programme is likely to attract higher student numbers and therefore be more successful if RCS is the awarding institution. Fee levels would also be more flexible.

#### **Further Details**

UoG will be mentioned in the parchment and on the transcript since there will still be joint teaching.

The onus will transfer from UoG to RCS to ensure that overall quality is of an appropriate standard and for the Subject Area (Music) to continue to assure RCS that its quality standards continue to be appropriate. This would be done through RCS's programme monitoring mechanisms and a formal Joint Liaison/Scrutiny/Advisory Committee which is currently being set up between the two institutions to ensure proper communications and quality management at a high level. Other forms of liaison will take place at teaching and administrative levels as they currently do (e.g. teaching staff meetings).

College processes have been instigated which will ensure that the Programme is withdrawn as a UoG award according to established procedures. These will take account of any existing student(s) who had registered for a UoG award plus any necessary administrative requirements such as updating University systems and advising colleagues in any other relevant parts of the University.

Any changes to individual courses contributing to the teaching of this award which take place at UoG will go through PIP in the normal way including processing through School/College scrutiny committees and in liaison with RCS as the awarding body and with student and External Examiner(s) consultation (if appropriate).