University of Glasgow

Academic Standards Committee – Friday 24 March 2017

Periodic Subject Review: Updated Response arising from the Review of Theatre and Film and Television Studies and Centre for Cultural Policy Research held on 16 and 17 March 2015

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At its meeting on 24 January 2017, Academic Standard Committee received an update on recommendations arising from the Review of Theatre and Film and Television Studies and the Centre for Cultural Policy Research.

ASC received the updated responses from the review of Theatre, Film and Television Studies. The subject area had provided further information regarding career progression and development opportunities for temporary staff. ASC was satisfied with the information provided and agreed that no further updates were required.

Members noted that there appeared to be some confusion in the use of the terms Graduate Teaching Assistant and Tutor. It was agreed that clarification should be sought from HR on whether this could be simplified by adopting the term 'Tutor' for all such staff members.

HR have responded as follows:

The reasoning behind when the job title 'Tutor' is used and when 'Graduate Teaching Assistant' is used is based on whether the individual is a matriculated graduate student at the University or not.

Where the individual is a matriculated graduate student he/she referred to as a GTA. Where an individual is not a matriculated graduate student he/she is referred to as Tutor.

The distinction in the title applied is relevant in terms of reflecting the specific nature of the relationship that the individual has with the University.

The nature of the specific relationship is important in order that the appropriate contractual clauses can be applied. There is no distinction in the role day-to-day that either carry out.

ASC is asked to consider the adequacy of the updated response.