University of Glasgow

Academic Standards Committee – Friday 23 November 2018

Reports on PSR to be Received during 2018-19 and Proposed ASC Reviewers

Mrs Ruth Cole, Clerk to the Committee

Monitoring internal subject review (Periodic Subject Review) falls under Academic Standards Committee's remit as part of its overall responsibility of assuring and enhancing the quality of the University's taught educational provision and the maintenance of standards.

Each year ASC receives the following reports relating to the PSR process:

- 1. Reports of Reviews held in the session (Full Review Reports, approved by the Panel Convener, containing recommended actions arising from the Review);
- 2. Six Month Update Reports a standard report on progress with actions/ recommendations;
- 3. Updates on Progress with Recommendations ad hoc reports, normally requested by the Panel Convener or ASC, where updates are considered necessary after the first normal sixmonth update;
- 4. Annual overview of recommendations compiled by the Senate Office;
- 5. Annual overview of good practice and key strengths identified in Reviews compiled by the Senate Office.

To spread the workload in reviewing these reports, academic members of ASC are allocated a number of Subjects for which they are asked to read full Review, Update and Progress reports (as per 1-3 above) along with one other member. ASC members can therefore work in pairs. Guidance on the process of reviewing these reports is given below. Overview reports (4 and 5 above) should be considered by all committee members.

Allocation for 2018-19

The following allocation of ASC members to PSR reports is proposed for 2018-19. Where possible, there is continuity between previous review of full reports and subsequent updates.

Full Review Reports 2018-19

Subject	Expected Date of Submission to ASC	Reviewers
Undergraduate School of Medicine	22 March 2019	Louise Harris Anna Morgan-Thomas
Veterinary Medicine	24 May 2019	Maria-Daniella Dick Stuart White
Celtic & Gaelic	24 May 2019	Maria Jackson Dominic Pasura
Politics	24 May 2019/Summer Powers	Jim Anderson Margaret Martin

Engineering	24 May 2019/Summer Powers	Aileen Bell Sandy Whitelaw
MVLS Graduate School (Biomedical Sciences, Animal and Plant Sciences)	October 2019	Sim Innes Douglas MacGregor

Responses to Recommendations 2017-18

Subject	Expected Date of Submission to ASC	Reviewers
Law	22 March 2019	Aileen Bell Stuart White
Management	22 March 2019	Maria-Daniella Dick Maria Jackson
Music	22 March 2019	Margaret Martin Dominic Pasura
Physics & Astronomy	22 March 2019	Jim Anderson Sandy Whitelaw
Education	24 May 2019	Louise Harris Sim Innes
Short Courses	24 May 2019	Douglas MacGregor Anna Morgan-Thomas
Modern Languages & Cultures	October 2019	Niall MacFarlane Anna Morgan-Thomas

The Role of the ASC Reviewer

In receiving PSR reports ASC's task is to identify 'issues or recommendations requiring action in other areas of the University and monitoring responses to actions or recommending further action as necessary'. ASC Reviewers should therefore check reports for any issues or recommendations (typically those which will enhance the quality of the University's taught provision) which would relate to other areas of the University and therefore may need wider dissemination.

Update reports should be considered in order to confirm the PSR Panel Convener's view that there have been appropriate responses to the recommendations or whether further action or updates are necessary (this will usually have been identified by the Convener before the report is submitted to ASC).

At least one of the two ASC Reviewers should advise the Committee in the event that there are issues to bring to the notice of ASC, either about the specific review and its recommendations, or the PSR process as a whole. (Members who are unable to attend should provide any comments they may have in writing to the Clerk who will also pass these on to the convener and second reviewer).