

University of Glasgow

Academic Standards Committee – Friday 4 October 2019

**Periodic Subject Review: Updated Response to Recommendation
10 Arising from the Review of History of Art held on 22 February
2017**

Mrs Catherine Omand, Senior Academic Policy Manager

Recommendation 10

The Review Panel **recommends** that History of Art takes steps to more actively promote study abroad opportunities within the Subject, with a view to meeting the University's strategic objectives. [paragraph 4.1.7]

For the attention of: **The Head of Subject**

Response : Head of Subject, May 2018

We are promoting the international Year Abroad and Erasmus opportunities on offer to HoA Junior Hons students and PG students more actively. This is facilitated by two Convenors - Christa Roodt (Erasmus) and David Hopkins (Year Abroad) – who liaise with the University offices for Year Abroad, Erasmus and Summer Traineeship, language tutors at the University, the CoA Dean for International Mobility (Anselm Heinrich) and CoA International Experiences Manager (Céline Reynaud). Voluntary internships abroad for staff are supported under the Erasmus+ Grant Scheme.

Information about the selection criteria and procedures for the Year Abroad and Erasmus outward mobility schemes are promoted to prospective exchange students in a number of ways. Students are made aware of both schemes at the start of their second year of study so they have time to plan applications well in advance by knowing the opportunities available to them for part or all of their Junior Honours year. A dedicated section on the Level 2 Moodle site explains the schemes in detail with updated news about current possibilities available from the start of that academic year. Level 2 students also hear about the Year Abroad/Erasmus opportunities at a pre-Hons Open Evening talk.

Erasmus scheme agreements for HoA are in place with the University of Bonn (Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn) for undergraduate HoA students. There is also an Erasmus agreement for postgraduate students with the Ecole du Louvre in Paris. A new agreement was signed with the Institut d'etudes superieures desarts (IESA) Paris in March 2018, opening up staff teaching exchanges from September 2018, and student exchange from January 2019. This is being promoted at all opportunities. Funding is currently being sought for one of the Convenors to visit a prospective Universitas21 partner to consult on future exchange possibilities.

Students interested in the International Year Abroad scheme can meet to discuss it with HoA's dedicated member of staff in Semester 1. Students are themselves responsible for identifying appropriate international universities at which to study for either part or the whole of Junior Honours, and the appropriateness of their choices, along with the fit with History of Art curricular requirements, are then discussed on an individual case-by-case basis. Students are then referred to the University's Go Abroad team where their cases are usually considered on a competitive basis since international student places tend to be limited.

For note:

The Review Panel invites the Subject to provide a report on progress regarding the relocation and centralisation of the School administration at a new site in Gilmorehill, by the end of May 2018. [paragraph 4.4.12]

For the attention of: **The Head of Subject**

Response – May 2018

HoS Dimitris Eleftheriotis, as part of a wider Project to pilot shared academic spaces, is organising the relocation and centralisation of the full SCCA Administration team to Gilmorehill Halls from four separate locations, expected in the Summer of 2018. He and the HoHoA are working closely to manage and support changes for HoA staff. Vacated administration offices and space will free up areas, some shared, to co-locate HoA staff and for a GTA 'hot-desk' in 8 University Gardens, with potential to accommodate a small number of staff from other SCCA Subject area, such as Music.

Updated Response: May 2019

The centralisation of the admin team will now take place in the summer of 2019.

Updated Response: October 2019

The Gilmorehill Halls project is currently nearing completion, and it is anticipated that those members of the School Administrative Team located in 8 University Gardens, including the Head of School, will relocate to Gilmorehill Halls when completed.

The Head of Professional Services (HoPS) and Head of History of Art (HoHoA) are working closely to identify contingencies to minimise impact and disruption to colleagues in 8 University Gardens and students, with History of Art (HoA) staff being managed by HoHoA and supported by HoPS to ensure effective communication and working practice across co-locations between the teams. This includes, for example, HoA's full implementation of on-line assessments, and pro-active UG and PGT Subject convenors-administrators contact.

It is anticipated that the vacated offices and space will free up space providing potential to accommodate a staff from HoA and other SCCA Subject areas and may facilitate the reconfiguration of existing local teaching space.