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DEGREES AWARDED IN CONJUNCTION WITH SRUC (SCOTLAND'S RURAL COLLEGE)

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## APPEALS BY STUDENTS

The Code of Appeals for students pursuing courses at SRUC which contribute to degrees of the University are set out in the appropriate section of the following pages. Any appeal must be intimated in writing within fourteen days of the intimation to the student of the decision which he or she appeals against, stating the grounds of appeal. Appeals will not be entertained against marks or decisions of examiners, or other matters of academic judgement, but only on grounds of unfair procedure or medical evidence.

In certain circumstances students who are dissatisfied with the decision of the Academic Appeals Committee may make a further appeal to the University Senate. The Code of Procedure for Appeals to the Senate is printed in the section of the *University Calendar* entitled 'University Fees and General Information for Students'.

## INTRODUCTION

The University of Glasgow awards degrees to students who have undertaken degree courses in several colleges associated with the University, including SRUC.

Application for admission to first degree courses at the College must be made through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS), using the on-line application service (APPLY) on the UCAS website (<a href="www.ucas.ac.uk">www.ucas.ac.uk</a>). If on-line application is not possible for you, please contact UCAS direct for advice: UCAS Application Requests, UCAS, Rosehill, New Barn Lane, Cheltenham, Glos. GL52 3LZ [01242 222 444 (UK) 0044 1242 222 444 (international)]. Further information about courses may be obtained from the Admissions Office, SRUC Edinburgh, King's Buildings, West Mains Road, Edinburgh EH9 3JG, 0800 269453 or by email: admissions@sruc.ac.uk.

## DEGREES OF BACHELOR OF ARTS (SRUC) AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (SRUC)

#### **RESOLUTION**

The Degrees of Bachelor of Arts (SRUC) and Bachelor of Science (SRUC) are governed by Resolution No. 609 of the University Court which came into effect on 1 September 2008, as subsequently amended, with provision that:

- 1. The Degrees of Bachelor of Arts (BA) (SRUC) and Bachelor of Science (BSc) (SRUC) may be awarded by the Senate of the University of Glasgow in SRUC (the College) as Degrees in such designations as may be prescribed by Regulations.
- 2. The Senate may make regulations governing the award of the Degrees which are subject to the approval of the University Court these shall be as stated under 'Regulations' below.
- 3. The Degrees may be awarded either as General Degrees or as Degrees with Honours in such subjects as may be prescribed by Regulation.
- 4. The programmes for the Degrees shall be administered by the College which shall, subject to Senate approval where appropriate, be responsible for the content and conduct of programmes and examinations and other methods of assessment, the admission and progress of students and related matters. The day-to-day management of each Degree programme shall be the responsibility of a management team appointed by the College.

## **REGULATIONS**

## 1. Introductory and Definitions

The definitions set out in the Glossary of Terms apply to these regulations.

## 2. Duration of Study

A full-time candidate for a degree shall, subject to §3, normally attend for at least three academic sessions for a general degree and at least four for a degree with Honours. A part-time candidate shall, subject to §3, normally attend for at least four academic sessions for a general degree and at least five for a degree with Honours. There is no set maximum period of study. Candidates may continue their studies provided that they comply with the progress regulations set out at §7 below.

## 3. Recognition of Prior Learning

3.1 Assessed prior experiential learning can be counted for credit on this degree. Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) requires that appropriate learning has demonstrably taken place as a result of that experience. The procedure for approval of such credit is set out in the University's APL policy. The appropriate Programme Leader is responsible for assessing whether acceptable evidence has been presented to demonstrate that the claimed prior learning is broadly equivalent to the learning that would otherwise have been assessed during the degree programme. The particular evidence that is required depends upon the nature of the learning for which accreditation is sought, and is determined by the Programme Leader, acting on the advice of the appropriate course leader(s).

The maximum limit for the award of such credit is 10% of the credits associated with the degree programme.

- 3.2 Non-university examinations can permit entry with advanced standing. Such examinations give entry with advanced standing as follows:
  - a) applicants with an HNC or HND in an appropriate subject will be considered for entry to year 2 or year 3, respectively;
  - b) applicants with a Foundation degree in an appropriate subject will be considered for entry to year 3.

## 4. Composition of Degree Programmes

The curriculum shall be specified in terms of core and elective courses<sup>1</sup>, as described in the appropriate programme specification and programme handbooks. The courses listed shall not necessarily all be available in each session; the choice of a curriculum shall be subject to this limitation and to that imposed by timetables.

The majority of courses can be studied independently of others. However, some courses may have one or more prerequisite or co-requisite courses, details of which shall be given in the relevant course descriptors and programme handbooks.

#### 5. Approval of Curriculum

The curriculum of each candidate must be approved at the start of each session by the candidate's Adviser of Studies. Once approved, the curriculum may not be altered except with the approval of an Adviser of Studies.

#### 6. Assessment

Assessment and re-assessment are governed by the Code of Assessment which is contained in the 'University Fees and General Information for Students' section of the *University Calendar*, except that:

- 6.1 the grading system adopted for courses in years 1 and 2 shall be that appropriate to their status as SQA HN Units; and
- 6.2 the provisions of §16.6 §16.13 of the Code of Assessment regarding reassessment are replaced by §11 below.

#### Progress

- 7.1 The progress of candidates shall be reviewed annually.
- 7.2 Progression from year 1 to year 2 will depend upon attaining a pass in each course from the approved curriculum. Where a candidate has not successfully completed all the courses in the year 1 curriculum, he or she may be permitted to progress to the second year of the programme provided he or she has successfully completed at least 13 of the 15 course equivalents<sup>2</sup> (104 credits).
- 7.3 To progress to the third year a candidate must have obtained 240 credits from the approved curriculum.
- 7.4 In year 3, a candidate who attains the requisite standard in the examinations and the assessment of course work shall be eligible for the award of the general degree. Alternatively, he or she shall be eligible to proceed to a fourth year leading to the degree with Honours. The requisite standard is that specified in §9.1 below.
- 7.5 The minimum achievement required for progression of a part-time candidate is determined by the Programme Leader acting on the advice of the appropriate Adviser of Studies.

## 8. Administration of Progress

- 8.1 Decisions on progression of any candidate who fails to meet the minimum requirements for progression are taken by the Board of Examiners. Mitigating circumstances should be discussed with the appropriate Adviser of Studies and notified in writing to the Programme Leader.
- 8.2 Appeal against decisions of the Board of Examiners may be made following the Code of Procedure for Appeals set out in the Degrees Awarded in Conjunction with the SRUC section of the *University Calendar*.

# 9. Award of a General Degree

- 9.1 The candidate, to be eligible for the award of a general degree, must have obtained at least 360 credits and achieved an overall grade point average<sup>3</sup> of 9. Within these 360 credits:
  - a) at least 120 must be at SCQF level 8 or higher;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The term 'course' refers to components of the overall degree programme and has the same meaning as 'module' which is commonly used at SRUC.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The term 'course equivalents' is used here to encompass courses with different credit ratings. The majority of courses are single-weighted and have a credit rating of 8 (years 1 and 2) or 15 (years 3 and 4), although some courses, for example the Honours project, may be double- or triple- weighted.

Grade point average is determined with reference to the schedule of grades and grade points contained in Schedule A of the University's Code of Assessment. The grade point average is calculated by taking the product of each course's weight and the candidate's grade points and dividing the sum of these products by the sum of the courses' weights. The weights shall correspond to the courses' credit ratings unless specified otherwise in the relevant programme documentation. Grade point average is expressed to one decimal place. (§16.34(a) of the Code of Assessment). In determining whether a candidate has achieved a required grade point average, no further rounding is permitted. Thus, a candidate achieving a grade point average of 8.9 would not satisfy a requirement for a grade point average of 9.

- b) at least 60 credits studied in year 3 must be at SCQF level 9 or higher; and
- c) 105 credits (7 course equivalents) studied in year 3 must be at grade D or better and the remaining 15 credits (1 course equivalent) in year 3 at grade E or better.
- 9.2 The general degree shall be awarded with Merit where the grade point average is at least 12, and with Distinction where the grade point average is at least 15.
- 9.3 Where the candidate has accumulated more than 360 credits, the credit counted in the calculation of the grade point average shall be reduced to 360 credits by discarding all or part of the credit for certain of the courses in such a way as to maximise the grade point average while meeting all other requirements of the regulations.
- 9.4 The general degree may be awarded to candidates on Honours programmes who fail to meet the requirements of the Honours degree, including any progress requirements, provided that the requirements of §9.1 above are met.

#### 10. Award of an Honours Degree

- 10.1 To be eligible for the award of an Honours degree, the candidate must have obtained at least 480 credits, including at least 90 at SCQF level 10, and completed a piece of independent work worth at least 30 credits.
- 10.2 The class of Honours awarded is determined by the mean aggregation score calculated from the eight year four course equivalents and one course equivalent representing the mean aggregation score for year 3.

## 11. Reassessment

- 11.1 In years 1 and 2, two attempts at each assessment shall normally be allowed during the academic year, usually within the period when a course is being delivered. A candidate who does not demonstrate competence in an assessment at the second attempt shall have the opportunity for further re-assessment during a defined period, normally a week during the second half of August, on payment of a fee for each uncompleted course.
- 11.2 In year 3, a candidate who is awarded grade D or better for a course after the first assessment diet shall not normally be allowed a re-assessment. Any other candidate shall be entitled to re-assessment during a defined period, normally a week during the second half of August, on payment of a fee for each uncompleted course. The grade awarded as a result of the re-assessment shall be no higher than D3. A candidate who fails the re-assessment is entitled to repeat the year once, paying the appropriate fee.

#### 12. List of Degree Programmes

## Bachelor of Arts (SRUC)

The Degree may be awarded as a General Degree or as a Degree with Honours in any one of the following subjects:

**Activity Tourism Management** 

Rural Business Management

Sport and Recreation Management

Sports Coaching and Development

**Outdoor Pursuits Management** 

### Bachelor of Science (SRUC)

The Degree may be awarded as a General Degree or as a Degree with Honours in any one of the following subjects:

Agricultural Bioscience

Agriculture

Applied Animal Science<sup>4</sup>

Countryside Management

Garden and Greenspace Design

Green Technology

Horticulture

Horticulture with Plantsmanship

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> An Intercalated BSc (Hons) in Applied Animal Science may also be awarded to candidates who, after successfully completing the first three years of the Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine & Surgery at the University of Edinburgh, enter the Honours year of the Applied Animal Science degree programme and meet the minimum requirements for final year.

## GENERIC REGULATIONS FOR TAUGHT MASTERS DEGREES - SRUC

The Masters degrees listed in §11 and §12 below are governed by Resolution No. 552 of the University Court which came into effect on 1 October 2005, as subsequently amended, with provision that:

- The Masters Degrees listed in clauses 11 and 12 of the section entitled 'Regulations' below may be awarded by the University of Glasgow in the Colleges with which these Degrees are identified in these Regulations. Degrees listed in these clauses under the title 'SRUC' may be awarded by the University on the recommendation of that College.
- 2. The Senate may make Regulations, which are subject to the approval of the University Court, governing the award of these degrees these are stated in clauses 1 to 10 of the section entitled 'Regulations'.
- 3. The awards of Postgraduate Diploma and Postgraduate Certificate are also included in the Regulations.

#### **REGULATIONS**

A student admitted onto a programme leading to an award must follow the instructions issued on behalf of the relevant School and be aware of the content of the Programme Specification and the Programme Document (often referred to as the Programme or 'Course' Handbook) which will contain further details on the Programme including, in some cases, further requirements associated with the award.

## 1. Application of Regulations

- 1.1 These regulations apply without modification to the degrees listed in §11 below.
- 1.2 These regulations apply also to the degrees listed in §12 below subject to alternative requirements described in the relevant Programme Document. The requirements for these degrees may vary only in respect of duration of study (§3) or progress (§7) to reflect the requirements of professional or statutory bodies.

#### 2. Admission

Before being considered for admission to study for an award to which these Regulations apply, a candidate must normally have obtained a degree or equivalent.

## 3. Duration of Study

The minimum period of study for the award of a Masters degree is 12 calendar months. The maximum period for full-time study is 24 calendar months of registered study. The maximum period within which all candidates must complete the programme is five years from the date of initial registration.<sup>5</sup>

#### 4. Programme Components

- 4.1 In order to qualify for an award in respect of the programmes specified in §11 and §12, a candidate must complete minimum credits<sup>6</sup> as follows:
  - i) For the award of a Masters degree: 180 credits, which includes both taught courses and a 60 credit (or more) dissertation or other substantial independent work.
  - ii) For the award of a Postgraduate Diploma: 120 credits of taught courses.
  - iii) For the award of a Postgraduate Certificate: 60 credits of taught courses.
- 4.2 The taught courses will normally be undertaken during the academic session (September June) and are specified in the relevant Programme Document. The length and nature of the dissertation or other substantial independent work is as specified in the relevant Programme Document.

# 5. Minimum Requirement for the Award of Credits

Credits for courses contributing to a candidate's curriculum shall be awarded subject to the fulfilment of required conditions. The minimum requirements for the award of credits are set out in the Code of Assessment at §16.40 – §16.44 of the 'University Fees and General Information for Students' section in the *University Calendar*.

#### 6. Assessment

6.1 Regulations for assessment are, insofar as not modified by these regulations, governed by the Code of Assessment which is contained in the 'University Fees and General Information for Students' section of the *University Calendar*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> For programmes with a minimum period of study of three years, the maximum period within which candidates must complete the programme is six years from the date of initial registration.

Where a candidate has progressed to study under §8 of the Generic Regulations for Postgraduate Certificates and Diplomas that candidate's duration of study for the Masters degree shall be counted as the period since first registration for the Postgraduate Certificate or Diploma.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> In compliance with the Scottish Credit and Qualification Framework a minimum component of the total credit must be gained from *Masters level* courses (level M/SCQF level 11) as follows: 150 credits for a Masters Degree, 90 credits for a Postgraduate Diploma, 40 credits for a Postgraduate Certificate.

6.2 Courses for which the candidate has registered must be counted towards the calculation of the candidate's grade point average for the purposes of §7, §9 and §10 unless other provision is justified by good cause circumstances affecting the candidate.

This regulation applies where course registration continues:

- a) on the date on which the first summative assessment for that course is to be submitted; or
- b) on such other date as may be specified in the course document for that course.

## 7. Candidates for a Masters Degree: Progress<sup>7</sup>

- 7.1 A candidate will be permitted to progress to preparation of the dissertation, or other substantial independent work required by the degree, only if he or she has obtained a grade point average<sup>8</sup> of 12 (equivalent to C3) or above in the taught courses described in §4 with at least 75% of the credits at grade D3 or better and all credits at grade F or above. The Programme Document may specify a course or courses in respect of which a specific grade is a minimum requirement of progression. Exceptionally, a candidate may be permitted to progress to the dissertation or other substantial independent work where it is judged<sup>9</sup> that the candidate's performance offers a reasonable prospect of that candidate's reaching the standard required for the award of the Masters degree following reassessment.
- 7.2 A candidate who has commenced study midway through an academic session will be permitted to progress to preparation of the dissertation, or other substantial independent work, only if he or she has obtained a grade point average of 12 (equivalent to C3) or above in the taught courses assessed by the end of the session in which study was commenced, with at least 75% of the credits at grade D3 or better and all credits at grade F or above. The Programme Document may specify a course or courses in respect of which a specific grade is a minimum requirement of progression. Exceptionally, a candidate may be permitted to progress to the dissertation or other substantial independent work where it is judged<sup>9</sup> that the candidate's performance offers a reasonable prospect of that candidate's reaching the standard required for the award of the Masters degree following reassessment.
- 7.3 A candidate may be required to commence work on the dissertation or other substantial work before the assessment of the taught courses referred to in §4 has been completed. Such a requirement shall not indicate that the candidate has satisfied the requirements for award in relation to the taught courses. In the event that subsequently the grade point average for the taught courses, after all opportunities at assessment have been exhausted, is less than 12.0, the candidate will not be eligible for the award of the Masters degree, and the following will apply:
  - If the dissertation or other substantial independent work has been submitted, it will be marked and a grade published.
  - If the dissertation or other substantial independent work has not been submitted but is substantially complete and no further supervisory input is required, the candidate may submit the work by the published deadline. The work will be marked and a grade published.
  - If the dissertation or other substantial independent work is not substantially complete or requires further supervisory input, the work should be discontinued and no submission made. No grade will be published for the candidate.

## 8. Reassessment of the Dissertation

- 8.1 Where a candidate requires a higher grade in the dissertation or other substantial independent work to satisfy the requirements set out in §9.1, reassessment of that dissertation or other substantial independent work will be permitted on one occasion only, under such conditions as the Examiners may prescribe in each particular case. Normally, resubmission should be no later than three months after the date of the meeting of the Board of Examiners. There is no automatic entitlement to repeat any previous practical work associated with the dissertation or substantial independent work or to undertake further practical work.
- 8.2 Where at the time of publication of the grade achieved on the dissertation or other substantial work a candidate has exhausted all assessment opportunities on the taught courses referred to in §4 and his or her grade point average is less than 12.0, a resubmission will only be permitted where the Board determines that no further supervisory input is required.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Where a programme has specific requirements in relation to aggregation scores or the average aggregation score derived from Schedule B (§16.29 and §16.34(b) of the Code of Assessment) these shall be stated in the programme documentation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The grade point average is determined with reference to the schedule of grades and grade points contained in Schedule A of the University's Code of Assessment. The grade point average is calculated by taking the product of each course's weight and the candidate's grade points and dividing the sum of these products by the sum of the courses' weights. The weights shall correspond to the courses' credit ratings unless specified otherwise in the relevant programme documentation. The grade point average is expressed to one decimal place (§16.34 (a) of the Code of Assessment). In determining whether a candidate has satisfied requirements in relation to progress and award, no further rounding is permitted. Thus, a grade point average of 11.9 would not satisfy a requirement for a grade point average of 12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> This judgment is normally made by the Board of Examiners or in cases where there is no scheduled meeting, the Convener of the Board of Examiners.

Appeals Code SRUC.9

# 9. Requirements for the award of a Masters degree and rules for award of distinction and merit<sup>7</sup>

9.1 A candidate will be eligible for the award of the degree on obtaining a grade point average<sup>8</sup> of 12 (equivalent to C3) or above in the taught courses described in §4, with at least 75% of these credits at grade D3 or better, and all credits at grade F or above, and obtaining a grade D or better in the dissertation or other substantial independent work.

- 9.2 A candidate who has achieved at the first attempt a grade point average of 15 (equivalent to B3) or above for the taught courses and grade B3 or above for the dissertation or other substantial independent work will be eligible for the award with Merit. Where the grade point average for the taught courses falls within the range 14.1 and 14.9 the Board of Examiners shall have discretion to make the award with Merit. No discretion can be applied in relation to the grade required for the dissertation or other substantial independent work.
- 9.3 A candidate who has achieved at the first attempt a grade point average of 18 (equivalent to A5) or above for the taught courses and grade A5 or above for the dissertation or other substantial independent work will be eligible for the award with Distinction. Where the grade point average for the taught courses falls within the range 17.1 to 17.9 the Board of Examiners shall have the discretion to make the award with Distinction. No discretion can be applied in relation to the grade required for the dissertation or other substantial independent work.
- 10. Requirements for the award of a Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Certificate and rules for award of distinction and merit<sup>7</sup>
- 10.1 The requirement for the award of a Postgraduate Diploma is a grade point average<sup>8</sup> of 9 (equivalent to D3) in 120 credits, with not less than 80 of these credits at grade D or above.
- 10.2 The requirement for the award of a Postgraduate Certificate is a grade point average of 9 (equivalent to D3) in 60 credits, with not less than 40 of these credits at grade D or above.
- 10.3 These awards may be granted with Merit or Distinction according to the criteria specified in §9.2 and §9.3 above.

## 11. Degrees 10 to which these regulations apply

The following degrees are governed by the above regulations:

#### SRUC

Master of Science (MSc) Applied Poultry Science

Master of Science (MSc) Countryside Management

Master of Science (MSc) Organic Farming

Master of Science (MSc) Rural Business Management<sup>11</sup>

## 12. Degrees which include Variations to Regulations 3 and 7 above

None recognised by Senate for session 2014-15.

## CODE OF PROCEDURE FOR APPEALS

#### **PREAMBLE**

- 1. The Senate of the University of Glasgow is charged by the Universities (Scotland) Act with a duty to superintend the teaching of the University. This is understood to include examining.
- 2. The Senate of the University of Glasgow has agreed with the Principal of SRUC that a procedure be established to dispose of appeals by candidates pursuing courses at SRUC which lead to an award of the University of Glasgow. The validity of this procedure has been accepted by the Senate of the University and by the Executive Management Team of SRUC.
- The procedure is set out in the remainder of this document.

#### CONSTITUTION OF THE APPEALS COMMITTEE

- 4. The Executive Management Team of SRUC shall establish an Academic Appeals Committee (hereafter referred to as 'the Committee').
- 5. Full powers for deciding appeals are vested in the Committee.
- 6. The Committee shall consist of the Vice-Principal Education [Convener], members of the Education Division Management Team, and at least one representative of the Senate of the University of Glasgow.
- 7. No member shall sit in judgement on a case in which he or she has any interest.
- 8. The quorum for a meeting of this Committee, including the Convener, shall be five.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Each of these degree programmes also offer awards of Postgraduate Diploma and Postgraduate Certificate with the same title (see §10 above).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Subject to Senate approval.

SRUC.10 Appeals Code

9. No member of the Senate Appeals Committee or the University Court shall be entitled to serve on the Committee. Where a member of the Academic Appeals Committee has participated directly in the decision appealed against, that member shall not sit for that individual appeal.

#### **JURISDICTION**

10. The jurisdiction of the Committee shall comprise all academic decisions affecting candidates, but not proceedings under the Code of Discipline or the Complaints Procedure. This includes Examinations Board decisions on student progress and final Degree Examinations.

## **BASIS OF APPEAL**

- 11. No appeal may be made on matters of academic judgement: in particular, no appeal may be made by any candidate against the academic judgement of an Examinations Board on the examination results.
- 12. An appeal may be considered only in matters of procedure, namely:
  - a) that there is new information that for good and proper reason was not available to the Examinations Board(s) at the time when they reached their decision on a particular candidate.
    - An appellant who wishes to appeal on medical grounds should obtain a medical certificate promptly, and should, if possible, submit it to the Academic Development Manager Higher Education with the note of appeal, and in any case no later than the hearing.
  - b) that the conduct of the assessment was not in accordance with the approved assessment arrangements for the course.
  - c) that the candidate was given misleading written information concerning the nature of the examination and its requirements.

#### **LODGING OF APPEAL**

- 13. The grounds of appeal against the decision of the Examinations Board shall be clearly set out in writing and submitted to the Committee through the Academic Development Manager Higher Education within 10 working days following intimation or publication of the decision.
- 14. Content of Note of Appeal. The note of an appeal must state:
  - a) the name, address and, if possible, telephone number of the appellant.
  - b) the grounds on which the candidate considers that the decision should be revised.
  - c) the remedy, or remedies, which the candidate seeks.
  - d) whether the candidate wishes to speak at a hearing.
  - e) whether the candidate intends to be assisted or represented by any person, and if so the name and occupation of that person.

#### TIME OF MEETING

15. The Committee shall meet within ten working days of receipt of the note of appeal, or as soon as practicable thereafter.

#### PRELIMINARY DISPOSAL

- 16. Upon receipt of a written appeal, the Vice-Principal Education, after consultation with two members of the Committee, may:
  - a) dismiss the appeal because the appeal is out of time, or provides no sufficient grounds for an appeal, or is frivolous or vexatious; or
  - b) refer the Appeal to the Committee.

#### **APPEALS PROCEDURE**

- 17. The Committee may decide for or against an appeal on the basis of written evidence, but will be required to see the candidate in question should he or she wish to argue the case personally. The Committee will also be required to consider the evidence submitted by any person indicated by the candidate and to see that person if the candidate so requests. However, the Committee may proceed to hear an appeal in the event of any person failing to attend at the appointed time.
- 18. The Committee will have discretion to limit the number of persons to be heard if the evidence to be given by them is deemed to be similar in nature.
- 19. A candidate interviewed by the Committee may if he or she wishes be accompanied by a friend or adviser, as may any member of staff interviewed by the Committee.

Appeals Code SRUC.11

## APPEALS FROM STUDENTS IN YEARS OTHER THAN THE FINAL YEAR

20. In cases of appeals from candidates in years other than the final year, the Committee shall decide on the merit of each appeal and advise the Programme Leader and the appropriate Examinations Board of the decision reached.

- 21. The Committee must give the relevant Examinations Board an account of the reasons which led to its decision, but excluding any information which the appellant has clearly indicated to be of a confidential nature and to be heard by the Committee only. The power of the Committee shall not be used to overturn an academic decision that a candidate has failed, but will enable the Committee to rule that a candidate be granted a repeat year or similar chance to retrieve failure.
- 22. The Secretary of the Committee will communicate the ruling to the Examinations Board and to the candidate who, failing production of fresh evidence, will be required to accept this decision.

#### APPEALS IN THE FINAL YEAR

- 23. Except as provided in 26, no decisions of an Examinations Board to which the External Examiners have given their approval explicitly or implicitly can be modified by any authority within SRUC without the External Examiners' concurrence.
- 24. The Committee may require an Examinations Board to reconsider its decision on a final examination result in the circumstances detailed in §12 (a), (b) and (c).
- 25. In the circumstances detailed in §12 (a), the matter will be referred back to the Examinations Board, with a recommendation and a supporting statement giving the reasons for this recommendation. As with appeals in earlier years, any information will be excluded from the supporting statement which the appellant has clearly indicated to be of a confidential nature to be heard by the Committee only.
- 26. If after reconsideration, in the circumstances detailed in §12 (b) and (c), the Examinations Board does not modify its decision, the Executive Management Team may annul that decision if in its opinion account has not been taken of the relevant factors as specified in §12 (b) and (c).

#### APPEAL AGAINST A DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

A student who is registered for an award of the University of Glasgow, may appeal against a decision of the Academic Appeals Committee of SRUC, but only in terms of the University Code of Procedure for Appeals to Senate. A copy of the Code will be found in the Fees and General Information section of the *University Calendar*.

The Senate Appeals Committee will entertain an appeal against the decision of the Academic Appeals Committee of SRUC only on the grounds that:

- i) new evidence has emerged which could not reasonably have been produced to the SRUC Committee;
- ii) there have been defective procedures at SRUC level;
- iii) the disposal by SRUC was clearly unreasonable.