

University of Glasgow

Academic Standards Committee – Friday 24 November 2023

Reports on PSR to be Received during 2023-24 and Proposed ASC Reviewers

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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 (containing recommended actions arising from the Review).
2. Six month Responses to Recommendations – 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 six-month Responses.
4. Annual overview of recommendations – compiled by Academic Policy & Governance.
5. Annual overview of good practice and key strengths identified in Reviews – compiled by Academic Policy & Governance.

To spread the workload in reviewing these reports, academic members of ASC are allocated a number of Subjects/Schools for which they are asked to read full Review reports and six month Responses (as per 1 and 2 above). ASC members usually work in pairs. Update reports (3 above) are not specifically allocated. Guidance on the process of reviewing these reports will be provided at the time. Overview reports (4 and 5 above) are now incorporated in the Annual Report to the Scottish Funding Council which is submitted to the October/November meeting of ASC and should be considered by all committee members.

Allocation for 2023-24 (and outstanding from 2022-23)

The following allocation of ASC members to PSR reports is proposed for 2023-24. Where possible, there is continuity between previous review of full reports and subsequent responses.

Full Review Reports 2022-23 (as previously noted by ASC – 25 November 2022)

Subject	Reviewers
Central & East European Studies (held on 24 May 2023)	Heather Cleland Woods
School of Mathematics & Statistics (delayed to 15-16 November 2023)	Niall Rogerson

Full Review Reports 2023-24

Subject	Reviewers
Accounting & Finance	Heather Cleland Woods Joe Maguire
History of Art	Ernest Metzger Joe Gray

Lifelong Learning	Sarah Nicholson Niall Rogerson
School of Education	Willie Miller Bryan Pickel
School of Physics & Astronomy	Angus Ferguson Gavin Miller
School of Psychology & Neuroscience	Kelum Gamage Ty Solomon

The same reviewer will (subject to continued membership of ASC) be asked to scrutinise responses to recommendations when they are reported to ASC. This is generally around six months after approval of the report.

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.

Six month Responses and 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).