

## University of Glasgow

### Academic Standards Committee – Friday 20 November 2020

#### Reports on PSR to be Received during 2020-21 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 six-month 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/Schools 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) are now incorporated in the Annual Report to the Scottish Funding Council which is submitted to the October meeting of ASC and should be considered by all committee members.

#### Allocation for 2020-21

The following allocation of ASC members to PSR reports is proposed for 2020-21. Where possible, there is continuity between previous review of full reports and subsequent updates.

#### Full Review Reports 2020-21

Subject	Expected Date of Submission to ASC*	Reviewers
Philosophy	May 2021/Summer Powers 2021	Helen Purchase Niall Rogerson
Geographical & Earth Sciences	Summer Powers 2021	Ann Gow Joe Gray
Nursing & Health Care	Summer Powers 2021	Donald Ballance Angus Ferguson
Urban Studies	Summer Powers 2021	Louise Harris Margaret Martin

\* It has been agreed that for 2020-21 ASC reviewers will receive the draft report at an earlier stage in the process than previously, so will be advised in due course of relevant dates.

MVLS Cluster 2	October 2021	Eamon McCarthy Anna Morgan-Thomas
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### Responses to Recommendations 2019-20

Subject	Expected Date of Submission to ASC	Reviewers
Sociology	May 2021	Joe Gray Louise Harris
Theology & Religious Studies	May 2021	Robert Doherty Margaret Martin
Computing Science	May 2021/Summer Powers 2021	Angus Ferguson Ann Gow
Economic & Social History	May 2021/Summer Powers 2021	Jim Anderson Donald Ballance

### 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).