

## University of Glasgow

### Academic Standards Committee – Friday 14 February 2014

#### Re-validation of the MA (Hons), Graduate Diploma and MLitt History of Art and Art-World Practice Programmes at Christies Education

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#### 1) Background

A proposal to extend the validation of the above programmes by one year was approved by the Academic Standards Committee on 24 May 2013 - the programmes were originally due to be re-validated during academic session 2012-2013, however, an extension was necessary to address the move to a six yearly validation schedule in line with the University's Periodic Review process. The programmes are now due for revalidation in academic session 2013-2014.

In addition, Christies Education is due to undergo Partnership Review before the end of academic session 2013-2014.

Since the partnership review process was approved by the Academic Standards Committee in April 2011, it has been recognised that, given the level of monitoring already in existence, a more fit for purpose process was required for the University's validated partners. The current monitoring of our validated partners includes regular meetings of the relevant Joint Boards or Liaison Committees (bi-annually and annually respectively) as well as other regular informal meetings.

#### 2) Proposal and Rationale

With a view to minimising the impact on both staff at Christies Education and the Academic Collaborations Office staff who will administer the revalidation and partnership review on behalf of the University, the original intention had been to combine both the revalidation and partnership review into a single event. Given the proposed changes to the partnership review process for validated partners, it is now not possible to undertake a combined event nor is it possible, given the pressures on both Christies Education and Academic Collaborations staff at this time, to hold two separate events before the end of academic session 2013-2014.

Therefore, it is proposed that the validation of the Christies programmes be extended by a further year. If approved, a revalidation event would take place during academic session 2014-2015, with a view to the programmes being validated for a six-year period effective from September 2015. The partnership review will take place in academic session 2013-2014 as planned.

In relation to Christies Education, the Joint Board is assured of the management of the programmes as evidenced through the Annual Report. In addition, the feedback from the relevant External Examiners has been consistently positive.

As well as the regular monitoring undertaken by the University, in December 2013, Christies Education was reviewed by the QAA in preparation for a possible application to the UK Home Office for Tier 4 Highly Trusted Sponsor status. The University has had sight of the draft report of this review which is extremely positive.

### 3) Action Requested

Academic Standards Committee is asked to **approve** the proposal to extend the validation of the Christies programmes by one further year until end of academic session 2014-2015. A revalidation event will take place during academic session 2014-2015 with a view to validating the programmes for a further six years, effective September 2015.