

University of Glasgow
Academic Standards Committee – Friday 13 February 2015
University of Glasgow Singapore – Year 1 Review of Aerospace Programmes

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Context

ASC approved the introduction of a Year 1 Review for collaborative provision. The Year 1 Review provides a mechanism to allow the University to monitor at an early stage and be confident that the collaboration agreements and collaborative programmes are being managed and delivered as intended. Typically a review would be scheduled to take place at between 15 to 18 months after the first student cohort has started their studies. This timing would enable a review team to consider the first annual cycle of delivery of the programme and is the same regardless of whether the programme is delivered on a full or part-time basis.

BEng programmes in Aeronautical Engineering and Aerospace Systems

BEng programmes delivered jointly at the University of Glasgow Singapore (UGS) with the Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) in Aeronautical Engineering and Aerospace Systems have been running since 2012 September and the first students graduated in 2014. The Year 1 review is therefore overdue but had been delayed because the future of the programmes appeared uncertain. Decisions have not yet been reached but it now seems likely that new programmes that lead to joint awards with SIT will start in 2018; these will be truly joint programmes rather than joint delivery of UoG programmes and are expected to have a significantly different structure. The current programmes will run until the new ones start, although there may be overlap in delivery.

There has also been considerable progress in merging procedures between the mechanical and aerospace programmes at UGS, with an agreement to merge the Operations Committees following their most recent meetings. A Year 1 review for the mechanical programmes was held in June 2013.

It is therefore proposed that the first year review of aerospace programmes should take the following format.

- The Self Evaluation Report will be used as a starting point the SER for the mechanical engineering programmes, with text added in a distinctive style to show the changes in all engineering programmes since that document was written.
- New material will be added on topics including:
 - performance of graduating students
 - graduation ceremony
 - procedures and outcomes for final year individual projects
 - QA procedures, including student feedback
- Progress on the action plan from the first year review will be addressed at the same time, given the commonality between the activities.

It is tentatively proposed to perform the review in late May 2015, immediately after the examinations, when students from both years should still be available.

ASC is requested to **note** the reasons for the delay and revised timing of the Year 1 review and to **approve** the proposed approach.