UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

College of Social Sciences PGT Committee – Tuesday 1st March 2011

Minute of Meeting of PGT Scrutiny Group held on Tuesday 1st February 2011 in Room 435 St Andrew's Building

Present: Ralf St Clair *(Convener),* Jon Oldfield Fiona Green

In attendance: Simon MacKenzie

5. MSc in Transnational Crime, Justice and Security

5.1 Documents Submitted for Scrutiny

- Course and Programme Proposal Support Documents
- Programme Specification
- Course Specifications for the unapproved new courses
- Business Plan
- RIO marketing assessment
- Feedback from consultation with students and external examiners

5.2 Matters for Discussion

The group welcomed the proposal and noted that the programme was aimed at the niche market of people who want to study transnational crime. Course options are shared with the proposed MSc in Global Security. It was noted that the ILOs had not been written in line with University Guidelines.

Feedback from the external examiner was supportive and it was noted that '*the quality of criminology provision at the University of Glasgow remains high and is responsive to both student demand and the changing contours of criminology as a discipline'*

The feedback from students was positive particularly with regard to having two assessment points for a course.

The scrutiny group accept the advice from RIO that there is some market potential and expect that the Proposer will work with them to realise this potential.

The Business Plan has been approved by the College Finance Office

5.3 Recommendations

The scrutiny group recommend that the proposal be approved subject to the recommendations detailed below being completed.

4407/P1	A2. Remove from "to" to "enable(ing)" and include a USP for the programme e.g. the new chair in Global Security

Programme Specification	8. Link to PG prospectus 9. Remove "aim to" 10. Review ILOs in line with University Guidelines - By the end of the programme students will be able to: 11. The word length for 20 credits should be 4000 words. The assessment should be more explicit and reflect the range of assessment across the courses
RIO	The scrutiny group accept the advice from RIO that there is some market potential and expect that the Proposer will work with them to realise this potential
4421/C1 Proposal support PQLS	OK
PQLS Course Spec.	11. Blank 17. Perhaps go with both 22. Leave blank for generic 29.1 Consider a variety of assessment methods. For example : assessment will be through coursework which could include essay, class presentation and group work – total 4000 words. 31. Total of right column should be 200 -
4416/C1 Proposal support PQJS	OK
PQJS Course Spec.	As for PQLS 28. Rewrite first 2 ILOs to ensure they are assessable
4415/C1 Proposal support PQHS	OK
PQHS Course Spec.	As for PQLS 28. ILOs need to be more clearly assessable. Replace "should" with "will"

5.4 Conclusion

All changes were completed to the satisfaction of the convener on 01/03/2011