



PROGRAMME REVIEW REPORT

PART A: SUMMARY REPORT

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Manchester
Metropolitan
University

A1	Programme Specification Title(s)	
	BA (Hons) Architecture Master of Architecture MA Architecture & Urbanism	
A2	Home Department/School	Manchester School of Architecture
A3	Home Faculty	Faculty of Art & Design
A4	Type of Event	Review
A5	Date of Event	06 May 2011
A6	Objectives of Event	
	<p>To ensure that the design, academic standards and quality of learning opportunities of the existing programmes, together with the proposed developments, given strategic approval on 16 March 2011 (SAF ref PARM/11/063/064); on 12 April 2011 PARM/11/073 refers) and as outlined in 7 below, remain appropriate to the awards to which the programmes lead and are informed by reference to institutional regulations and policies, national benchmarks and relevant professional and employment demands.</p>	
A7	Outline of Proposal/Development(s)	
	<p>The BA (Hons) Architecture and Bachelor of Architecture were last reviewed in March 2006 and the MA Architecture and Urbanism approved in June 2006. RIBA (PSRB) validation event took place in March 2008 for the period September 2008 to September 2012, and an ARB (PSRB) prescription submission took place in December 2007 for the same period. There was a Manchester Metropolitan University/University of Manchester Review of the Collaborative Agreement for the 'joint' school in September 2009.</p> <p>The current institutional review coincides with the introduction of a new subject benchmark (QAA Architecture 2010), new PSRB criteria, prescription submission (ARB) in December 2011 and a validation event (RIBA) in Spring 2012 that will aim to establish the successful continuity of programmes to the next milestones from 2016.</p>	
A8	Conduct of the Event and Panel Membership	
	<p>The event, comprising private panel meetings and meetings of the panel with members of the programme team and representatives of current/former students, was held on the All Saints South Campus.</p> <p>The panel included the following internal members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen Rowe (Chair) • Katie Bond (Panel Secretary) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janet Robertson (CASQE Representative) <p>Johnny Magee (FADC member) was unable to attend the event, due to unforeseen circumstances and the Panel wished him well.</p> <p>The panel included the following external members appointed by the Head of Centre for Academic Standards & Quality Enhancement after nomination by the Faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glenn Howells (Glenn Howells Architects) Ivana Wingham (University of Brighton)
A9	Documentary Evidence Base
	<p>Reviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme Specification Unit Specification Proformas Subject External Examiner comments Course Development Plan (including approved Strategic Approval Form) Summary CVs of staff teaching on the programme
A10	Conclusions on Innovation and Good Practice
	<p>The Panel identified the following aspects of good practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Panel applauded the ambitious integration of Humanities and Technology There is a very positive cross-fertilisation between years and courses, and this should continue
A11	Conclusions on Quality and Standards
	<p>The Panel concluded that the intended learning outcomes of the programmes were being achieved by students, that the standards of the University's awards were being maintained and that the programmes as modified remain current and valid in the light of developing knowledge in the discipline, practice in their operation and developments in teaching and learning.</p>
A12	Summary of Outcome
	<p>The Panel recommended:</p> <p>Continued approval with effect from September 2012 subject to fulfilment of the three conditions in Section A13 below. Therefore, existing programmes will run for a further year from September 2011.</p> <p>A full list of the award titles approved may be found in para 2 of the updated programme specification.</p> <p>A full list of changes made as part of this Review event may be found in Appendix 1 of this report.</p>
A13	Condition(s) of Approval

The following conditions of approval must be fulfilled before the modified programme may commence:

1. To review the documentation in light of the checks completed by University Officers and to ensure that they are accurate, comply with the University requirements and procedures (checks unable to be completed prior to the event due to the late submission of documentation)
2. Fully address comments from the External Examiners (still awaited) and from the FADC Representative
3. To review the agreement with the University of Manchester:
 - a. to consider extending this until the next review date (2016/17)
 - b. to produce a letter of variation to reflect the changes of award title (MArch). This must be done in conjunction with the Collaborative Partnerships Office

A14	Deadline for Fulfilment of Conditions
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24 June 2011

A15	Recommendations
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The Programme Team must consider and address explicitly the following recommendations in the course of its annual monitoring processes:

- To consider adding more specificity in the unit descriptors with regard to assessment requirements
- To consider specifying the assessment method by which students will satisfy learning outcomes
- To consider changing the titles of some units e.g. Studio 1, Studio 2 etc, to better describe the content
- To consider mechanisms to promote diversity of student body within the courses

A16	Date of next scheduled review
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The next scheduled periodic review of the programmes will be held during the Autumn/Spring term of the 2016/17 academic year.

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A17	Date Report considered by Head of CASQE	<i>16 September 2011</i>
A18	Date of CASQE Recommendation to ASSc	Submitted direct to ADC 28 September 2011

End of Part A: Summary Report

PART C: RESPONSE TO CONDITIONS: STATUS REPORT

Programme Title	BA (Hons) Architecture Master of Architecture MA Architecture & Urbanism
Type of Event	Review
Date of Event	06 May 2011
Deadline for fulfilment of Conditions	24 June 2011
Panel Chair	Helen Rowe

Response to be approved by *(indicate as appropriate)*

Panel Chair on behalf of Panel

1	Action Taken in Response to Condition(s)
	<p><i>1.0 Review documentation in the light of checks by University Officers – PARM 9 received and reviewed. PARM 9 essentially lists corrections and omitted data that is available for inclusion . This process has been undertaken excepting matters relating to assessment that are integral to recommendations in this report.</i></p> <p><i>2.0 All comments from external examiners (PARM 5) and FADC representative have been received and responses made.</i></p> <p><i>3.0 (a) Consideration has been given to amending the next cross institutional(UOM/MMU) review of the joint school of architecture (2014) to coincide with the next institutional(MMU) review (2016). Reviews remain as scheduled since these events are essentially different in character and objective.</i></p> <p><i>(b) Letter of Variation relating to the change of award title from BArch to MArch is being progressed by the Collaborative Partnerships Office (MMU).</i></p> <p><i>No formal agreements remain outstanding in respect of the above other than a final check of documentation following amendments identified in PARM 9 by University Officers.</i></p>
2	Documentation submitted to for approval
	<p><i>Revised Programme Specification documents</i></p> <p><i>Response to FADC representatives comments</i></p>

3	Panel Chair Comments
	<p><i>Congratulations to the team for successfully fulfilling the conditions of the Review. I wish them well with the programmes for the future.</i></p>

4	Confirmation of approval
I confirm that I am satisfied that the conditions of approval have been fulfilled.	
Signed: <i>Helen D Rowe</i>	
Date: 5 th Sep 2011	

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C3	Date(s) Response to Conditions considered by Head of CASQE	16 September 2011
C4	Date(s) CASQE Recommendation(s) on conditions submitted to ASSc	Submitted direct to ADC 28 September 2011
C5	ADC outcome	Approved

End of Part C: Response to Conditions

