



EXTERNAL EXAMINER ANNUAL REPORT FORM

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	For completion by External Examiner:		
Name of External Examiner:	Dr Jeremy Barham		
Home Institution / Employer of External Examiner:	University of Surrey		
Programme and / or Subjects Covered by this Report:	MA in Musicology		
Academic Year / Period Covered by this Report:	2013-2014	Date of Report:	16/7/14

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1. Programme Structure

The programme is structured well, offering students an appropriate combination of academic and research training, and a range of specialist modules addressing important issues in contemporary analytical, cultural and historical musicology

2. Academic Standards

Student work in stage 1 of the programme was mostly of a commendably high standard, comparable with the sector as a whole and demonstrating a high level of awareness of pertinent literature, concepts, issues and methodologies, as well as competent writing skills. The overall spread of marks was commensurate with sector norms

3. The Assessment Process

Assessment was always pertinent to the learning outcomes, and the marking criteria were appropriate and consistently and fairly applied. The feedback was given in different formats, and the clarity of one marker's use of a grid in combination with detailed written comments (including recommendations on how to improve) was especially noteworthy. It helps to have as much feedback typed as possible.

4. Year-on-Year Comments

N/A

5. Preparation / Induction Activity (for new External Examiners only)

I was given an appropriate amount of documentation in support of my first examining duties. The work was sent in good time and was presented clearly and efficiently

6. Noteworthy Practice and Enhancement

The students are engaging in very interesting and probing work in both autumn and spring semester modules. The results demonstrate an impressive level of intellectual inquiry

7. Appointment Overview (for retiring External Examiners only)

N/A

8. Annual Report Checklist

Please include appropriate comments within Sections 1-7 above for any answer of 'No'.

		Yes (Y)	No (N)	N/A (N/A)
Programme/Course Information				
8.1	Did you receive sufficient information about the Programme and its contents, learning outcomes and assessments?	Y		
8.2	Were you asked to comment on any changes to the assessment of the Programme?		N	
Draft Examination Question Papers				
8.3	Were you asked to approve all examination papers contributing to the final award?			N/A
8.4	Were the nature, spread and level of the questions appropriate?			N/A
8.5	Were suitable arrangements made to consider your comments?			N/A
Marking Examination Scripts				
8.6	Did you receive a sufficient number of scripts to be able to assess whether the internal marking and classifications were appropriate and consistent?	Y		
8.7	Was the general standard and consistency of marking appropriate?	Y		
8.8	Were the scripts marked in such a way as to enable you to see the reasons for the award of given marks?	Y		
8.9	Were you satisfied with the standard and consistency of marking applied by the internal examiners?	Y		
8.10	In your judgement, did you have the opportunity to examine a sufficient cross-section of candidates' work contributing to the final assessment?	Y		
Coursework and Practical Assessments				
8.11	Was the choice of subjects for coursework and / or practical assessments appropriate?	Y		
8.12	Were you afforded access to an appropriate sample of coursework and / or practical assessments?	Y		
8.13	Was the method and general standard of assessment appropriate?	Y		
8.14	Is sufficient feedback provided to students on their assessed work?	Y		
Clinical Examinations (if applicable)				
8.15	Were satisfactory arrangements made for the conduct of clinical assessments?			N/A
Sampling of Work				
8.16	Were you afforded sufficient time to consider samples of assessed work?	Y		
Examining Board Meeting				

		Yes (Y)	No (N)	N/A (N/A)
8.17	Were you able to attend the Examining Board meeting?			N/A
8.18	Was the Examining Board conducted properly, in accordance with established procedures and to your satisfaction?			N/A
8.19	Cardiff University recognises the productive contribution of External Examiners to the assessment process and, in particular, to the work of the Examining Board. Have you had adequate opportunities to discuss the Programme and any outstanding concerns with the Examining Board or its officers?			N/A
Joint Examining Board Meeting (if applicable)				
8.20	Did you attend a Composite Examining Board, i.e. one convened to consider the award of Joint Honours degrees?			N/A
8.21	If so, were you made aware of the procedures and conventions for the award of Joint Honours degrees?			N/A
8.22	Was the Composite Examining Board conducted according to its rules?			N/A

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