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Paper Title	Vice-Principal's (Research) Advisory Group Executive Summary of the meeting held on 20 February 2017
Outcome requested	Senate is asked to note the paper.
Points for Senate members to note and further information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of the Advisory Group is to develop and monitor strategies and policies for research and research support in QMUL. • The members of the Group are the VP (Research) (Chair), the Faculty Deans for Research, the Deputy Deans for Research Degrees (one of whom is the Director of the Doctoral College), the Deputy Deans for Research Impact, and the Director of Research Services and Business Development. Heads and representatives of relevant Professional Services departments are invited to attend the meetings as appropriate.
Questions for Senate to consider	<p>The paper is provided for information.</p> <p>This report provides an update on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions on future access to EU research funding opportunities (section 2); • A new Researcher Training Board (section 3); • Development of a new policy statement on research misconduct (section 4).
Regulatory/statutory reference points	Under the QMUL Delegation Framework, the VP (Research) has responsibility for the leadership of cross-QMUL research and research degree matters, including academic standards and the development and delivery of the QMUL Research Strategy.
Strategy and risk	n/a
Reporting/consideration route for the paper	For report to Senate.
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VICE-PRINCIPAL RESEARCH ADVISORY GROUP EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Summary of the meeting held on 20 February 2017

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An update from the Vice-Principal (Research) is also available on the agenda.

1. Summary

This report summarises the main areas of discussion of the Research Advisory Group to the Vice-Principal (Research) at the meeting held on 20 February 2017.

2. Future access to EU research funding opportunities

The Group has had a wide-ranging discussion of the key implications of Brexit to QMUL's future access to EU Framework Programme (FP) funding – as the main EU collaborative research and innovation funding.

Until exit in March 2019 (TBC), the UK will be eligible to apply to Horizon2020 work programmes (2016-2017) and part of the final H2020 work programmes (2018-2020). Recently published scoping papers indicate the type of topics/priorities for the final H2020 work programmes (2018-2020).

It is unclear if the UK Government will negotiate full access, partial access or no access to EU FP funding upon the UK's exit, and what funding the UK Government might put in place of the EU schemes.

This initial discussion will be followed up by discussions at Faculty Research Groups, to consider the impact of Brexit more locally and on particular disciplines, and the outlook for the funding environment in their disciplines post Brexit.

3. Researcher Training Board

The Group has approved the terms of reference and membership of the new Researcher Training Board, following consultation with other training stakeholders, such as the Doctoral College Management Group,

The purpose of the Board is to enable QMUL to have a holistic view of the researcher development opportunities that it provides, bringing together for the first time the providers and stakeholders of training for researchers. It will provide a forum for sharing good practice in supporting researchers' development, to discuss researchers' training needs and to provide advice for QMUL and its members on the training and development of researchers.

The Researcher Development (RD) team in the Centre for Academic and Professional Development (CAPD) will co-ordinate the Board, and lead on the work of the Board.

4. Draft policy statement on research misconduct

The QMUL and Barts Health NHS Trust joint task and finish group to review research misconduct procedures has prepared a draft policy statement about research misconduct. It is intended to provide the over-arching framework for the investigative procedures and processes concerning allegations of research misconduct managed by QMUL and the Trust. The Group has made some minor comments on the policy. It will be discussed at the meeting of the Ethics of Research Committee in March, and then return to VPRAG for referral to Senate in June if appropriate.

5. Reports

The Advisory Group receives reports at each meeting from the Faculty Deans for Research and the Director of the Doctoral College.

Written updates were received from the following other groups:

- Doctoral College Management Group
- VP Public Engagement and Student Enterprise Advisory Group
- PGR admissions update at 31.01.2017
- Russell Group PGR Special Interest Group meeting 18.11.2016

6. Date of next meeting

8 May 2017