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Paper Title	Vice-Principal's (International) Advisory Group Executive Summary
Outcome requested	Senate is asked to note the paper.
Points for Senate members to note and further information	The purpose of the Advisory Group is to advise on the implementation of the International Strategy and monitor progress against agreed targets
Questions for Senate to consider	The paper is provided for information . This report provides an update on the main items discussed at its meeting on 9 February 2017.
Regulatory/statutory reference points	Under the QMUL Delegation Framework, the VP (International) has responsibility for the leadership of cross-QMUL international activities and the development and delivery of the QMUL International Strategy.
Strategy and risk	VPIAG role is to review and make recommendations in relation to the risk register for international activities
Reporting/consideration route for the paper	For report to Senate.
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VICE-PRINCIPAL INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY GROUP EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Terms of Reference and Membership

1. Group membership consists of:

Chair: Vice Principal International
Executive Officer (International)
Dean for Taught Programmes (Science & Engineering)
Dean (International) (Science & Engineering): **New**
Faculty representatives from HSS, S&E and SMD
Deputy Dean for Recruitment and International, HSS
VP Education, Students' Union
Director of Student Services
Deputy Director of Marketing & Communications
Academic Registrar & Council Secretary
Academic Lead for Study Abroad
Academic Lead for Outward Student Mobility
Academic Lead for International Student Experience
Director of the Language Centre
JP Programme Director

2. The updated Membership composition was confirmed at the VPIAG meeting on 9 February.

Summary of VPIAG meetings

3. During the reporting period (November 2016 to February 2017), VPIAG has held a meeting on 9 February 2017.

Summary of the meeting held on 9 February 2016

For a full set of notes please contact the Secretary: r.vasiliu-mciver@qmul.ac.uk

4. This summarises the main areas of discussion of the Advisory Group to the Vice-Principal (International) at the meeting held on 9 February 2016.

5. Progress against international strategy action plan

VPIAG received a report on the first stock-take of Progress Indicators Progress in relation to targets set for 2018/19 in the International Strategy approved in 2016. The report also included a specific section on Foundation Programmes (IFP) as well as a report on PGT and UG application turnaround times.

6. International Student Recruitment

VPIAG received a summary of international and EU PG and UG applications as well as data on 'International and EU Enrolment and Application data'. The Group discussed the upward trend in PGT statistics and the drop in undergraduate applications from EU and International students.

7. Summary of VP International meetings with Schools

VPIAG received a report on the VP International's meetings with Heads of Schools and Institutes to discuss engagement with the International Strategy. The meetings focused on Schools' plans and ambitions in the medium term in three main areas: development of international partnerships; inbound and outbound student mobility and international student recruitment.

8. International Partnerships Report

VPIAG received the International Partnerships Report for 2016-17. The Report aimed to assess the performance of QMUL's International Partnerships (Progression and Articulation) by considering the following aspects:

- Numbers of students studying on QMUL programmes through partnership agreements;
- Numbers of students studying at QMUL not through formal partnership agreements, but indirectly (the "halo effect");
- Revenue generated from partnerships;
- Effectiveness of partnerships in terms of recruitment and academic capability of students.

9. Student mobility (inward/outward)

VPIAG received an update from the Global Opportunities team on student participation and new initiatives related to inbound and outbound student mobility across QMUL. This covered incoming associate students who enrol at QMUL through the fee paying Study Abroad Programme as well as the non-fee paying International Exchange Programme (IEP) and Erasmus+ programmes. The report also included information about the reciprocal aspects of these programmes, allowing QMUL students and staff the opportunity to study, work and travel overseas.

10. VP International tours

VPIAG received an oral update on the VP International overseas visits. A visit to India which had taken place in November had been especially successful, with 20 members of staff from across the College participating. Plans were in hand to emulate this practice for a future visit to be organised in the Middle East.

11. QMUL Summer Schools

VPIAG received an update on QMUL Summer Schools, with the project back on track for summer 2018 delivery. To offer an attractive package in a competitive market, 12-15 modules would be delivered and discussions were underway with Faculties and Schools to confirm the details on content.

12. TNE provision and future opportunities

The Chair gave an oral report a discussions held at QMSE on the prospects for future QMUL TNE growth. It had been agreed that the TNE activity should continue to grow and opportunities actively explored.

13. Update on Foundation Studies proposal

VPIAG received an oral report on progress with proposals aimed at enhancing foundation programme provision.

14. Report from the Academic Lead for Study Abroad

VPIAG received a report from the Academic Lead for Study Abroad (ALSA).

15. International recruitment performance analysis and forecast

VPIAG noted a report submitted to QMSE which assessed QMUL's 2016 international intake in the context of benchmarked Russell Group data whilst also forecasting QMUL's International recruitment potential in the coming years at undergraduate and postgraduate level.

Meetings in 2016-17

16. The following meetings are held in 2016-17:

Thursday 6 October 2016
Thursday 9 February 2017
Thursday 11 May 2017