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Outcome requested	Senate is asked to note the executive summary.
Points for Senate members to note and further information	This paper provides an overview of the matters considered at the Vice-Principal's Public Engagement and Student Enterprise Advisory Group meeting of October 18 2017.
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VICE-PRINCIPAL PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND STUDENT ENTERPRISE ADVISORY GROUP

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Meeting held on 18 October 2017

1. Summary.

This report summarises the main areas of discussion of the Advisory Group to the Vice-Principal (Public Engagement and Student Enterprise) at the meeting held on 18 October 2017. For a full set of notes please contact the Secretary, Katherine Bevan k.bevan@qmul.ac.uk

2. Members Business.

This was the first (of four) meeting of the Group in the 2017/18 academic year. The following items were tabled:

a. Report of the Vice-Principal for Public Engagement and Student Enterprise.

- i. The Chair had given evidence at a cross-party Parliamentary Select Committee on Artificial Intelligence where the importance of public engagement was emphasised;
- ii. Members were asked to suggest items which could be displayed in the Queens' Building foyer display cabinets;
- iii. The Group heard about the Knowledge Excellence Framework (KEF) consultation.

b. Centre for Public Engagement (CPE)

- i. The revised training model was now being delivered, with sessions being held more frequently, and with a more targeted focus. Work was continuing to train PhD students in the delivery of PE activities. Seven projects from nineteen applications had been awarded funding from the large award scheme;
- ii. The CPE continued to represent QMUL on a number of national engagement forums, including the British Science Association, the National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement, and the Wellcome Trust;
- iii. The CPE would be involved in a number of future activities: the 'Engage' conference, a session for the London Public Engagement Network, and as a hub for the "Being Human" humanities festival;
- iv. Two 'How to evaluate impact and public engagement' workshops had been delivered, and copies of the 'How to Evaluate Public Engagement' toolkit and advice booklet were now available.
- v. The Executive Officer (PESE) and the Arts and Cultural Strategy Manger were working with Human Resources and Finance, regarding changes in how the institution pays freelance individuals, brought about by changes in legislation.

c. Community Engagement

A 2017 Festival of the Communities review guide would be launched at the forthcoming 'Engage' conference. The 2018 Festival of Communities would be held on 12th-13th May 2018, and a Tower Hamlets Council Voluntary Services forum meeting would be held at the end of November

d. Student Enterprise

- i. The seventh InQUBEate scheme had launched, with the largest cohort to date. The new Enterprise Coordinator would help to develop InQUBEate from an extra-curriculum activity into a credit-bearing QMUL Model module.
- ii. A new cross-institution competition has been launched (Grad Venture) including students from seven London institutions. Each institution would find its best student with a business idea at the pre-revenue stage who would then compete against each other at an event held on November 16th;
- iii. QMUL would be hosting a 'How to get started with business' workshop on January 10th with Enterprise Nation charity, with whom it had recently signed an agreement.

e. Environmental Sustainability

A report was received on a number of key events led by the Sustainability Team. Highlights included: A Green Mary stall had been set up for Fresher's week; Ten cycle events were scheduled to be held during the year which would include security marking of bicycles, and the selling of refurbished bicycles through the 'Recycle Your Cycle' scheme. The QMUL Fairtrade status has been renewed for a further two years, and QMUL has reached the final stage in two Green Gown awards – the ceremony would take place on November 15th.

f. Research Impact

A REF Impact Engagement Officer focussing on Biosciences and Health has been recruited. Interviews have also taken place for a REF Impact Engagement Officer to focus on Humanities and Social Sciences. The next REF dry run would take place in February.

g. Arts and Cultural Strategy

A report was received from the Arts and Cultural Strategy Manager. Highlights included: Work was in progress to produce two promotional brochures and a strategy document – these would be made available at the November 8th launch event. The website was under development with view to completion by the end of November / early December. QMUL would take over the Tate Modern 'Exchange' space from 30th April to 7th May 2018, and QMUL would be a named bid partner of Tower Hamlets Council for its London Borough of Culture bid.

h. Reports from Faculty Representatives

Reports were received from each of the three Faculty Representatives.

i. Reports from Professional Services

Reports were received from the Director of Marketing and Communications, and the Director of Research Services.

j. Student Union

The new QMSU Strategic Plan was due to launch in January 2018. In response to student requests to prioritise employability, a QMSU opportunity "one stop shop" page has been created to advertise both available paid and voluntary employability opportunities. Discussions were in train to bring a Farmers Market back to QMUL.

3. Matters for discussion – Pathology Museum

Barts Pathology Museum was opened to the public on a first come first served basis on two days during August, receiving approximately 1400 visitors. The museum's management has been awarded "Working Towards" status by the Arts Council, which is the first formal step in being granted accreditation as a public museum of Human Disease. A focus group is to be formed to solidify the museum's identity around medical humanities and non-clinical life sciences.

4. Reports from committees.

Reports were received from the following committees:

- i. Centre of the Cell Management Group;
- ii. Institute of Research in Schools (IRIS);
- iii. Peoples Palace Projects

5. Dates of meetings in 2017-18.

- Monday 15 January 2018, 14:00-15:30.
- Monday 16 April 2018, 14:00-15:30.
- Monday 9 July 2018, 14:00-15:30

All meetings will be held in the Robert Tong Room, Queens' Building, Mile End. .