



Senate

Paper Title	Educational Partnerships Board Executive Summary October 2013 to November 2013.
Outcome requested	Senate is asked to note the EPB Executive Summary and to approve the membership and amended Terms of Reference.
Points for Senate members to note and further information	This paper summarises the business of EPB since its start in October.
Questions for Senate to consider	
Regulatory/statutory reference points	QMUL is required comply with the indicators of sound practice detailed in Chapter B10 of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education, managing higher education provision with others. The Educational Partnerships Board will, on behalf of Senate, undertake detailed scrutiny of QMUL's educational partnership activity.
Strategy and risk	EPB will evaluate and monitor risk of QMUL partnership arrangements.
Reporting/consideration route for the paper	Report to Senate and QMSE as appropriate.
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EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS BOARD

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Meetings and membership

1. The Educational Partnerships Board meets monthly. The membership is:

Chair (the Principal until the new VP International has been appointed)
 One member of academic staff per Faculty
 Chief Strategy Officer
 Dean for China Operations
 Academic Registrar and Secretary to Council (or nominee)
 Director of Marketing and Communications (or nominee)
 Student representative
 Secretary (ARCS)

2. EPB has so far had two meetings on 10 October and on 20 November.

Terms of Reference

3. At its October meeting, EPB proposed an addition to the Terms of Reference approved by Senate in March 2013. This reflects the Board's strategic responsibility towards educational partnerships. The updated TORs are attached for Senate's **approval**.

Consideration of new partnership proposals and renewals

4. The Board considers new partnership proposals with UK and international partners and evaluates their risk. So far, EPB has considered and approved 10 new collaborative arrangements.

Collaborative proposal	Brief description	Status
O.P. Jindal Global University, India	JGU students may apply for entry to agreed Masters programmes in CCLS, SBM and SPIR	Agreement to be finalised and signed.
Manipal University, India	Articulation Agreement with into BSc and BEng programmes in SEMS:	Pending TPB approval; EECS are considering their involvement in the arrangement.
Guangdong University of Finance and Economics, China	Study abroad agreement: GUFU students to study at QM as Study Abroad/Associate	Pending confirmation from Economics and Finance that they can

	Students.	receive GUFEE students
VIED (Queen Mary and the Vietnamese Ministry of Education and Training) project 911 Scholarship scheme	Recruitment of scholarship holding PhD students from the Vietnamese Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) through the Vietnamese International Education and Development Office (VIED) to undertake PhD programmes in the Faculty of Science and Engineering at QM.	The Agreement has been signed.
MSc Culture and Mental Health: Advanced Clinical Practice with Guadalajara University, Mexico	Programme to be jointly delivered by QMUL and Guadalajara. The MSc will provide theoretical and clinical applications on cultural capability within mental health care.	Pending TPB Stage 2 academic approval.
Intercalated BSc. in Pre-hospital Medicine with London Air Ambulance Service	Intercalated BSc in Pre-hospital Medicine utilising placement-based work with both London's Air Ambulance and the London Ambulance Service (LAS).	Pending TPB Stage 2 academic approval and finalisation of business case.
University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (UESTC)	Study Abroad agreement. UESTC students to come to study at QM for either one or two semesters.	Agreement finalised for signing.
Brandeis University, US	Study Abroad / Direct Billing Agreement with Brandeis University.	Agreement to be finalised for signing.
Joint Research Centre with Beijing University of Post and Telecommunications (BUPT)	To establish an overall and unified joint research front between QMUL (mainly EECS) and School of Information and Communication Engineering at BUPT (following success of JP).	Agreement to be finalised.
Agreement with the University of Cologne, Germany	General exchange collaboration between the Centre for Anglo-German Cultural Relations (CAGCR) at QMUL and the <i>Morphomata Kolleg</i> - Centre for Advances Studies in the Humanities, University of Cologne, Germany.	The Agreement has been signed.

5. The Board has also approved the renewal of three collaborative proposals.

Agreement	Status
Tsurumi University, Institute of Dental Medicine, Japan: exchange of scholars and researchers, graduate students and dental students.	Agreement to be finalised and signed.
Renewal of Agreement with Cambridge Education Group – Foundation Campus (CEG FC): CEG offers foundation courses to prepare international students for UG degree programmes at University of London colleges.	Agreement to be updated and finalised.
Exchange agreement with the University of California	Agreement to be finalised.

Policies and procedures

6. EPB approves policies and procedures for the development and management of partnerships, based on risk and proportionality.
7. EPB is currently looking at streamlining procedures and delegating some of the scrutiny process to relevant EPB members.

Communication

8. At EPB's recommendation, ARCS and IPO will work to enhance communication with schools/institutes and faculties about any process revisions for partnership development and approval.

International Issues

9. EPB will receive regular updates from the International Office to gauge the trends in international student recruitment in the UK and potential opportunities for QM to develop its TNE provision.

Educational Partnerships Board Terms of Reference

On behalf of Senate, to undertake detailed scrutiny of QMUL's educational partnership activity.*

1. **To consider the strategic framework for approval of educational partnerships.**
2. To consider risk assessments and due diligence documentation for the approval of a new partnership.
3. To approve and monitor criteria for the delegation of authority for partner approval, and the referral of matters to Queen Mary Senior Executive. To report regularly to Queen Mary Senior Executive on matters of strategic significance.
4. To consider risk assessments and due diligence documentation for existing partnerships at regular intervals.
5. To approve policies and procedures for the development and management of partnerships, based on risk and proportionality, within a context of best practice in the sector.
6. To advise Senate on the development, promotion and performance of programmes offered in collaboration with others in the UK.
7. To advise Senate on the development, promotion and performance of programmes offered internationally, within the scope of QMUL's international strategy.
8. To receive reports from the Research Degrees Programmes and Examination Board on the development of research provision delivered in collaboration with others.
9. To receive reports from partnership steering committees (or equivalent programme management committees).
10. To take an overview of the Register of Collaborative Provision.

* Educational partnership activity is defined as all learning opportunities leading or contributing to the award of academic credit, or a qualification, that are delivered, assessed or supported through an arrangement with one or more organisations external to QMUL.

Membership 2013/14

Professor Simon Gaskell	Chair
Professor Julia Shelton	School of Engineering and Materials Science, Dean for Taught Programmes
Professor Omar Garcia	Languages, Linguistics and Film, Dean of Taught Programmes
TBC	SMD
Professor Laurie Cuthbert	Dean for China Operations
Ms Wendy Appleby	Secretary to Council and Academic Registrar
Ms Tania Rhodes-Taylor	Director of Marketing and Communications
Mr Dean Curtis	Chief Strategy Officer
Ms Gaby Dale Leal	VP Education

In attendance:

Ms Jane Pallant	Deputy Academic Registrar
Dr Carol Rennie	Executive Officer (Research, International Affairs)
Mr Pat Power/Mr Andrew George	International Office
Raluca Vasiliu-Mclver	Secretary (ARCS)