



Senate

Paper Title	Degree Awarding Powers Update
Outcome requested	<p>Senate is asked to receive an update on the process of exercising Degree Awarding Powers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the amendment to the watermark for certificates • Approve the format for the certificates for honorary degrees • Approve the format for honorary fellowships • Comment on the proposed academic dress for QM awards
Points for Senate members to note and further information	Queen Mary University of London is exercising its degree awarding powers in 2013/14. This paper provides an update for Senate on progress and makes recommendations about certificates and academic dress.
Questions for Senate to consider	<p>Do you have any comments on the academic dress?</p> <p>Do the proposals for honorary degree certificates appear appropriate?</p>
Regulatory/statutory reference points	<p>The legal name of Queen Mary University of London is specified in its Charter, which is subject to Privy Council control.</p> <p>Awards are conferred by Queen Mary University of London under Article 3 of the Charter.</p>
Strategy and risk	Exercising DAP are actions in support of the overall Strategic Aim.
Reporting/consideration route for the paper	<p>Previous updates to Senate.</p> <p>Recommendations for academic dress will be incorporated in an Ordinance which Council will be asked to approve.</p>
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Exercising Degree Awarding Powers
Update Report to Senate: March 2014

Introduction

1. This paper provides Senate with an update on progress towards the exercise of Degree Awarding Powers.

Update Report

Deadline for student decisions

1. The deadline for students enrolled in 2013-14, the transitional year, to choose between a Queen Mary degree and a University of London degree has been extended until the end of March 2014. This allows time for students to view the academic dress proposals before making their final decisions. The FAQs that are available on the Student Enquiry Centre website include examples of certificates and will also include details of the proposed academic dress.

Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies and other educational partnerships

2. The main outstanding issue is approval of QMUL as a 'Dental Authority' in order for it to make DBS awards as the approval process requires amendment to the statutory instrument and is managed by the Privy Council Office. This is separate to accreditation of the BDS programme. ARCS has been working with the Privy Council Office to explain the status of QML, its relationship to the University of London, the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree programme and the BDS award. The Privy Council is now satisfied with the responses provided and has passed the recommendation to the Department of Health for Ministerial approval. At present, we are still awaiting a response from the Department of Health.

Degree certificates

3. ARCS is in the process of commissioning the secure paper for the QMUL degree certificates. The suppliers of the paper have recommended that the watermark in the paper be the Coat of Arms as it is much harder to reproduce, thus making the certificates more secure. Senate is asked to **approve** this amendment.

Certificates for Honorary Degrees of Queen Mary University of London

4. This year, honorary degrees will be awarded by Queen Mary University of London for the first time. Unlike other degrees, the award of an honorary degree is conferred at the ceremony itself. The details of the award, recipient are entered manually by a calligrapher. A new template certificate is proposed with more modern wording than that currently used (see Appendix 2). Senate is asked to **approve** the new format (see Appendix 1).

Certificates for Honorary Fellowships of Queen Mary University of London

5. The current Honorary Fellowship Certificates require updating to reflect the new name. There is also an opportunity to update the certificate paper and template to bring it in line with QMUL degree certificates and certificates for honorary degrees (see Appendix 3). Senate is asked to **approve** the new format for Honorary Fellowship Certificates.

Academic dress

6. The proposed designs are presented for final comment and approval (see Appendix 4). A summary of the key factors involved in the design of the academic dress is also provided. Senate is asked to **comment** on the proposed academic dress.

Recommended action

7. Senate is asked to **note** the report and:
 - **Approve** the amendment to the watermark for certificates
 - **Approve** the format for the certificates for honorary degrees
 - **Approve** the format for honorary fellowships
 - **Comment** on the proposed academic dress for QM awards

Wendy Appleby
March 2014

Certificate for Honorary Degrees – format to be A3 landscape (following the University of London Approach for honorary degree certificates)

Coat of Arms^{1&2}

Queen Mary University of London³

This certifies that the degree of Doctor of -----⁴ *honoris causa*

Has been conferred on

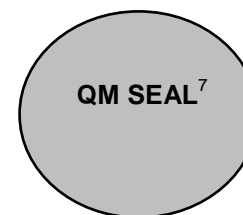
.....⁵

Who was admitted to the degree at a ceremony held on

.....⁶

President and Principal

Chairman



Comments

1. The coat of arms will be raised and foiled
2. The **coat of arms** will appear in the watermark on the certificate.
3. A **Sans Serif** font will be used as this style is most legible.
4. ----- denotes a blank space for the name of the degree. The **name of the degree** is entered manually by a calligrapher
5. The **name of the honorary** is entered manually by a calligrapher
6. The **date**, which is entered manually
7. The QMUL Common Seal is affixed to each honorary degree
8. The signatures are added manually, allowing the certificate format to be future proofed.

Current University of London Certificate for Honorary Degrees (on A3 landscape)

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON



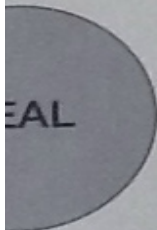
Whereas the University of London has authorised Queen Mary and Westfield College to award degrees of the University *honoris causa*;

And Whereas the Council of the College, with the concurrence of the University, has resolved to confer such a degree;

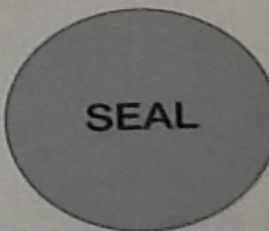
Now Therefore this diploma certifies that the degree of Doctor of _____ *honoris causa*
has been conferred on _____

Who was admitted to the degree at a Ceremony held on the _____ day of _____ in the year _____
and who has thereby become a Member of the University and of the College under the relevant Statutes and Ordinances.

In witness whereof the common seals of the University and the College have been affixed hereunto.
Given under our hand on the above date:



Vice-Chancellor
University of London



Chairman of the Council
Queen Mary and Westfield College

Principal
Queen Mary and Westfield College



QUEEN MARY

APPENDIX 3

Certificate for Honorary Fellowships – format to be A3 landscape (following the format for honorary degree certificates)

Coat of Arms^{1&2}

Queen Mary University of London³

This certifies that

.....⁴

Was elected as an^{4a}

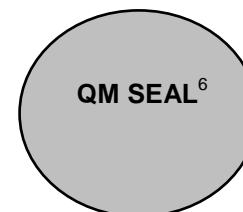
Honorary Fellow

on

.....⁵

President and Principal

Chairman



Comments

1. The coat of arms will be raised and foiled
2. The **coat of arms** will appear in the watermark on the certificate.
3. A **Sans Serif** font will be used as this style is most legible.
4. The **name of the honorary Fellow** is entered manually by a calligrapher
- 4a This is the wording on the current certificate; an alternative to 'elected' might be 'admitted'
5. The **date**, which is entered manually
6. The QMUL Common Seal is affixed to each honorary fellowship certificate
7. The signatures are added manually, allowing the certificate format to be future proofed.

Academic Dress for Queen Mary awards

Procurement factors

- Design services for the full range of Queen Mary University of London (QML) awards
- Service to graduands, staff and QML for the provision of academic dress at graduation ceremonies
- Price to students of hire, which will be reduced from previous years

Academic dress components

- Academic dress will comprise a gown, a hood and a hat. There will be variants for the different levels of awards. A note of the factors taken into account in the design is given in the appendix, along with the proposed designs. Once the designs are agreed, an Ordinance specifying the academic dress for each award level will be presented to Senate for recommendation to Council for final approval.

Design factors for hoods:

- Creation of a simple scheme which has unifying features and can be added to in the future.
- In keeping with other universities/University of London colleges we have gone for a very simple approach based on the levels of award eg bachelors, master's, doctorate etc rather than a different design for each individual award within these levels. This also helps to keep the costs down for students hiring the academic dress and has greater future-proofing potential.
- Creation of academic dress that graduands will feel proud to wear.
- Inclusion of unique features to avoid cheap copies; this will take the form of a unique fabric created by cross weaving QML blue with silver.
- Incorporates colours and themes from QML's heritage and coat of arms (QML Blue, pantone 287, silver, red; the Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry chevrons and the upward chevron shape generally, which can be seen on the QML coat of arms). We had originally used yellow and the blocks that appear on the shield but these were rejected quickly.
- Female friendly ie you do not need to wear a tie for them to stay in place. For this reason we have chosen a hood shape based on the Edinburgh shape and there will be velcro fastenings onto the gowns.

Design Factors for gowns:

- Undergraduate and postgraduate taught degrees have standard black gowns, the styles of which follow standard conventions. The main noticeable difference between an undergraduate gown and a postgraduate one is the sleeves. Bachelors gowns have long, wing-like sleeves whereas masters gowns are derived from Tudor fashions with long closed sleeves.
- There were 11 shades of black to choose from and two styles of fabric. We consulted on the fabric with a range of students and staff in December 2013; the overwhelming decision was to go with a more modern modal fabric.
- The gowns will not only vary by length but also width to accommodate a wide range of sizes.

- Gowns for research degrees and higher doctorate degrees are mainly QML Blue with different features.

Hats

- The QML academic dress will include hats. Standard black mortarboards will be worn by bachelors and masters graduates.
- For research degrees and higher doctorates a Tudor bonnet will worn. The different degrees will be denoted by the colour of the cord that goes on the bonnet. The colour of the bonnets is yet to be finalised, however, it will probably be QML blue.

Range of dress

- Undergraduate bachelors, medical and dental qualifying bachelors, postgraduate masters, certificates and diplomas, research degrees (doctorates), and higher doctorates
- Different combinations of gown and hood will be used for variations on the above. For example an integrated master's graduate (MEng, MSci etc) will wear the undergraduate gown with a masters hood; an MPhil student will wear a postgraduate masters gown with a doctoral hood; certificate and diplomas will have their own hood and wear the appropriate gown, either undergraduate or postgraduate.

Next steps

- Once the draft designs are confirmed, we will review fabric swatches and choose the final fabrics for the hoods and hats.
- The Ordinance on Academic Dress will be updated to specify the details of our academic dress.
- The first QML students to wear this dress will be attending the graduation ceremonies in July 2014.

Queen Mary University of London

Doctorate Research Degrees



Gown

QM blue, black silk cuffs and facings edged 1 1/2 silver oak leaf lace.



Hood

QM full shape shell and cape, QM blue lining, QM blue satin edged neck and cowl, silver cape, oak leaf lace.

Queen Mary University of London

Higher Doctorate



Gown

QM blue, red silk cuffs and facings edged 1 1/2 silver oak leaf lace.



Hood

QM full shape shell and cape, QM blue lining, QM blue satin edged neck and cowl, silver cape, oak leaf lace.

Queen Mary University of London

Bachelors Degree



**Black Shell,
Queen Mary Simple Shape**

Lining

QM blue/ blue, silver shot

Edged

Silver, neckband and cowl



Queen Mary University of London

Certificate



**Black Shell,
Queen Mary Simple Shape**

Lining
QM blue satin

Edged
Silver neckband and cowl



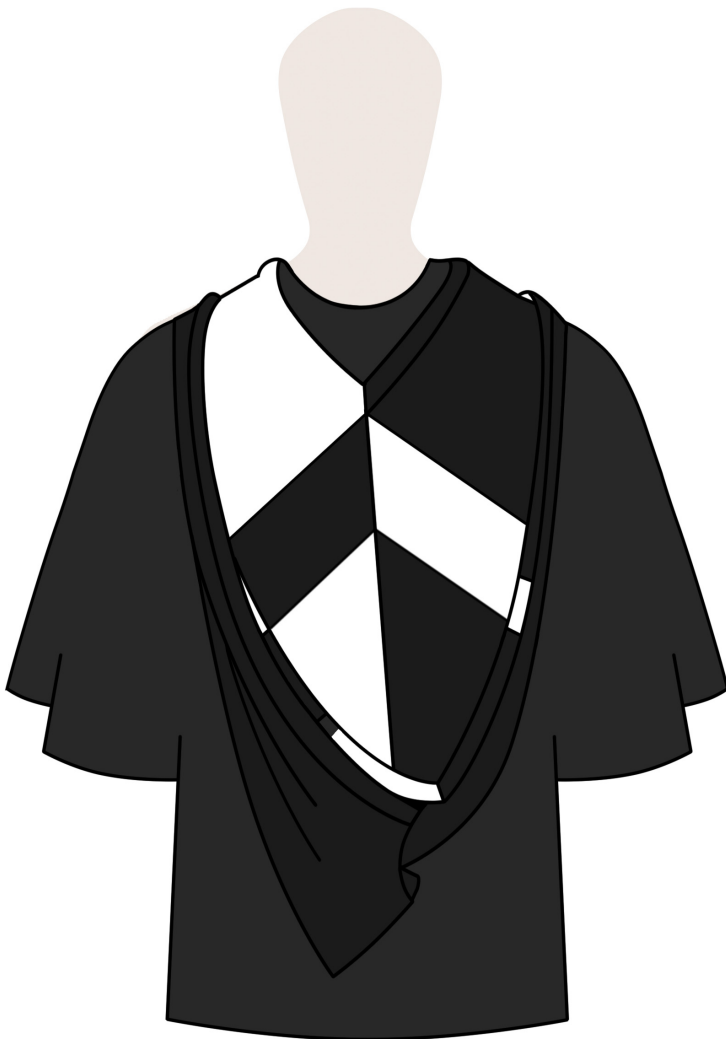
Queen Mary University of London

Medical and Dental Qualifying Degrees: MBBS and BDS



**Black Shell,
Queen Mary Simple Shape**

Lining
Black and white satin



Queen Mary University of London

Master's Degree



**Black Shell,
Queen Mary Simple Shape**

Lining

QM blue/ blue, silver and
blue shot

Edged

Red, neckband and cowl

