



Senate

Paper Title	Educational Partnerships Board Executive Summary: December 2013 to March 2014.
Outcome requested	Senate is asked to note the EPB Executive Summary.
Points for Senate members to note and further information	This paper summarises the business of EPB from December 2013 to March 2014.
Questions for Senate to consider	
Regulatory/statutory reference points	QML is required to 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 undertakes detailed scrutiny of QML's educational partnership activity on behalf of Senate.
Strategy and risk	EPB role is to evaluate and monitor risk of QML partnership arrangements, and to consider relevant policies and procedures.
Reporting/consideration route for the paper	This paper is a report to Senate.
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EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS BOARD

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Meetings and membership

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

Chair (the President and 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

2. EPB has held three meetings between December 2013 and March 2014.

Consideration of new partnership proposals and renewals

3. The Board considers new partnership proposals with both UK and international partners and evaluates any risk involved. From December 2013 to March 2014 EPB has considered 10 new collaborative arrangements.

Collaborative proposal	Brief description	Status
Exchange Agreement with BUPT, China	Exchange of Bachelor and PhD students each year for a period of between 3-6 months.	Agreement still to be finalised and signed.
AIMST University, Malaysia	Joint research collaboration, exchange of students for electives and SMD staff to act as external examiners for the Professional Examinations at AIMST University	Agreement concluded and signed.
Beijing Jiaotong University (BJTU), China	Articulation arrangements with advanced standing into both Mathematics and Physics at QML.	TPB Stage 2 academic approval pending.
School of Medicine, University of Antioquia, (UdeA), Colombia	Centre for Cancer Prevention, Wolfson Institute of Preventive Medicine to develop a programme of collaborative	Agreement concluded and currently awaiting signature.

	research for cancer prevention.	
Medical School, Malta	The establishment of a medical university, offering QML MBBS programme accredited and taught by QML appointed staff, attached to the Gozo General Hospital. Students will get a QML award.	Proposal still under development.
Exchange agreement with Renmin University, School of Law, China	Exchange of undergraduate students for one semester or one academic year.	Agreement still to be finalised and signed.
Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (SHUFE), China	3+1+1 agreement with School of Mathematics at SHUFE whereby students can study the final year of their SHUFE Bachelor's degree at QML as associate students on Maths and Finance modules. They can then apply for a Master's course in a related subject from either SMS or SEF.	Agreement still to be finalised and signed.
Erasmus+ agreement, Trento University, Italy	Exchange arrangement with SEMS and the School of Geography	Agreement still to be finalised and signed.
Erasmus+ agreement, University of Leoben, Austria	Exchange arrangement with School of Physics and Astronomy.	Agreement still to be finalised and signed.
School of Stomatology, Guiyang Medical University (GMU), China	Research collaboration with the Institute of Dentistry in the area of Head and Neck Molecular Cancer Research	Agreement still to be finalised.

Policies and procedures

4. EPB has approved the process both for renewal of current Erasmus agreements and for new agreements under the Erasmus+ Programme. Erasmus +inter-institutional agreements now fall under the collaborative provision framework and will be approved by EPB.
5. EPB has considered distance learning TNE models used by SEECs and by CCLS and discussed ways to co-ordinate other possible models and initiatives across QML.

National consultation

6. EPB has considered and approved QML responses to the QAA consultation on *Strengthening the quality assurance of UK transnational education*. Following analysis of the consultation responses, QAA will publish an overview of the planned process for quality assurance of UK TNE by **31 May 2014**. QML's TNE activity will be subjected to the review methodology adopted after the consultation.

International Issues

7. EPB has discussed a paper on *Maintaining International Fee Income through TNE Expansion* and considered a number of potential opportunities for QML to develop its TNE provision in order to increase its international student recruitment.