



**Senate**

<b>Paper Title</b>	<b>Name Change and Degree Awarding Powers Update</b>
<b>Outcome requested</b>	<p>Senate is asked to <b>receive</b> an update on the process of changing the legal name of Queen Mary and exercising Degree Awarding Powers.</p> <p>Senate is asked to <b>consider</b> proposed amendments to the format of degree certificates.</p>
<b>Points for Senate members to note and further information</b>	<p>Queen Mary University of London changed its legal name on 1 August 2013 and is exercising its degree awarding powers in 2013/14. This paper provides an update for Senate on progress with these projects.</p> <p>Also presented to Senate is a proposal to amend the format of degree certificates following the decision at the last meeting.</p>
<b>Questions for Senate to consider</b>	<p>Does the progress made to date seem reasonable?</p> <p>Are the arrangements for MBBS and DBS degree certificates satisfactory?</p>
<b>Regulatory/statutory reference points</b>	<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>
<b>Strategy and risk</b>	<p>Changing Queen Mary's name and exercising DAP are actions in support of the overall Strategic Aim.</p>
<b>Reporting/consideration route for the paper</b>	
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Change of Legal Name and Exercising Degree Awarding Powers  
Update Report to Senate: October 2013

## **Introduction**

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

## **Key questions for Senate to consider**

2. Senate is also asked to consider proposals for amendments to the format of degree certificates following information that has come to light since its last meeting.

## **Steering Group**

3. The Steering Group to oversee the Name Change and Degree Awarding Powers has been established. Its membership includes staff from ARCS, MarComms, Faculty Representatives and the QMSU VP Education.

## **Update Report**

### *Changing the Name*

4. On 1 August 2013, Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London became Queen Mary University of London by amendment to its Royal Charter. QMUL's seals have been updated in the light of this and a process has been instigated to notify partner bodies of the change.
5. In due course, Marketing and Communications will make proposals, based on their research, for the ways in which Queen Mary University of London should be branded and the name abbreviated.

### *Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies and other educational partnerships*

6. ARCS has written to all educational partners involved in collaborative provision to notify them of the changes to the name and to make provision for QMUL degrees. In the case of BUPT and Nanchang, the partners have been asked to liaise with the Chinese Ministry of Education. We have received follow-up questions and requests for action from the following bodies:
7. The Solicitors Regulation Authority which has asked for more information about changes to the programme and regulations. We are clarifying that there is not change to these aspects and that QMUL is not a new body, just a renamed one.
8. The General Medical Council (GMC) which has asked for a prompt response to the actions detailed in the recent GMC inspection of the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) programme. QMUL is trying to explain that this is a separate activity from any change resulting from degree awarding powers being exercised as the School of Medicine and Dentistry is not confident that the new deadline can be met.

9. The General Dental Council which has confirmed that QMUL needs to be approved by the Privy Council as a 'Dental Authority' in order to make DBS awards. This is separate to accreditation of the BDS programme. ARCS is currently in liaison with the Privy Council Office to explain the status of QMUL, its relationship to the University of London, the Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) BDS degree programme and the BDS award.

#### *Communicating DAP to Students*

10. Information in the form of FAQs has been put together and is available on the Student Enquiry Centre web pages. This information is pointed to as students are being asked to choose which degree they would like to receive.
11. Admissions offer letters for 2014 will include an explicit reference to QMUL degrees.

#### *Recording applicant and student choices about the degree awarded*

12. For September 2013 entrants and continuing students a choice of awards will be given. At the time of writing, it is envisaged that students will be asked to choose which award they wish to receive at the time of enrolment/re-enrolment but then be given until a specified date (eg end of Semester 1) to change their minds if they wish. A MySIS task to simplify this is being explored.

#### *Communicating name change and removing references*

13. A template letter, notifying QMUL's change of name, with supporting documents has been provided to directors of professional services and faculty operating officers with a request that they send it to bodies with which QMUL holds a formal or contractual relationship.

#### *Degree certificates*

14. Students' representatives from the School of Medicine and Dentistry (SMD) have asked whether the name of the School will be included on the degree certificate. It transpires that the University of London certificate, at the instruction of the Academic Registrar in 2002, includes '(St Bartholomew's and the Royal London School of Medicine and Dentistry)' under the name of the College on University of London certificates. This was not known prior to the issue being raised by students as certificates are despatched directly from the University. The University has confirmed that, at the time, QMUL was the only institution to opt for this approach; the other institutions (Imperial, Kings, UCL and St George's) with medical schools have since exercised their degree awarding powers.
15. The inclusion of a faculty/departmental/school name on a degree certificate is highly unusual and most Russell Group institutions and medical schools simply detail the legal authority with the power to confer the award. In the case of QMUL, the relevant authority is QMUL and the power derives from our Charter.

16. It is recognised however that there is a precedent in the form of the University of London certificate and clear strength of student opinion on the matter. Therefore a solution is proposed that corrects the error in the name of the School and brings the University of London certificate and QMUL certificate in line with each other. The proposal is that in place of the field of study/degree title, for the MBBS and DBS awards, '*at Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry*' is included (the name of the degree/field of study already being encapsulated in the name of the award).
17. Furthermore, in looking again at the format of the QMUL certificate, it is felt that '*has met the requirements for award of*' might be read as implying that the award wasn't met. It is suggested that this be amended to read: '*is admitted to the award of*'.

#### *Academic dress*

18. Robing companies have been invited to bid for the contract to supply academic dress. A small working group will choose the robing company and a much wider group will be involved in commenting on and displaying designs.

#### **Recommended action**

19. Senate is asked to **note** the report.
20. Senate is asked to **note** that the Academic Registrar will notify the University of London that their degree diplomas for awards made after 1 August 2013 should reflect the QMUL's new name. At the same time, the University will be asked to remove the out-of-date reference to the School of Medicine and Dentistry from beneath QMUL's name and insert '*at Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry*' in the place of the field of study for MBBS and BDS awards.
21. Senate is asked to **approve** two amendments to the format of degree certificates (see also appendix for the updated layout document):
- Replace '*has met the requirements for award of*' with '*is admitted to the award of*'
  - For MBBS and BDS certificates, to insert '*at Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry*' in the place of the programme/subject title.

Wendy Appleby  
October 2013

# CREST<sup>1&2</sup>

Queen Mary University of London

This is to certify that

**Name of Student<sup>4</sup>**

Is admitted to the award of<sup>5</sup>

**Bachelor of Science  
with Honours, First Class<sup>6</sup>**

In<sup>7/8</sup>

**Mathematics**

*Simon Gaskell<sup>9</sup>*

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**President and Principal**

*Nicholas Montagu<sup>9</sup>*

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**Chairman**

Date of Award<sup>10</sup>: 3 July 2014

**Hologram  
Number**

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1. The **Crest** will be the Queen Mary Crest (not the crown).
2. The **Crown** 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 student** is the name with which they are registered at Queen Mary and has been checked by the Academic Registry.
5. This is a simple statement that shows the award is made and implies future membership of QMUL.
6. Where relevant, the fact the award is an **honours degree** is reflected in the classification but the presentation has been reversed to put the honours first.
7. **In** has been used as opposed to **Field of study** as it can apply across the board and is simple
8. For MBBS and BDS Certificates, **In** and the subject/degree name will be replaced with 'At Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry'
9. **Signatures** to be of President and Principal, using the new role title as it's better recognised internationally, and Chairman because the award is made under the powers of the Charter.
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**Distinction in Part 1 and Part 2<sup>6</sup>**

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