



Senate

Paper Title	Partnerships Board Executive Summary: 25 November 2014 to 1 st March 2015
Outcome requested	Senate is asked to note the PB Executive Summary.
Points for Senate members to note and further information	This paper summarises the business of PB from November 2014 to March 2015.
Questions for Senate to consider	
Regulatory/statutory reference points	QMUL 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 Partnerships Board undertakes detailed scrutiny of QMUL's partnership activity on behalf of Senate.
Strategy and risk	PB role is to evaluate and monitor risk of QMUL 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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PARTNERSHIPS BOARD

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Terms of Reference and Membership

1. Board membership consists of:

Chair: Vice Principal International
Deans for Taught Programmes
Chief Strategy Officer;
Dean for China Operations;
Deans for Research;
Academic Registrar and Secretary to Council (or nominee);
Director of Marketing and Communications (or nominee);
Student representative.

2. Revised Terms of Reference (TORs) and Board Membership composition were approved by Senate at its meeting in December 2014.
3. The Partnerships Board meets monthly. During the reporting period, PB has held three meetings. In addition, a number of proposals were considered by electronic circulation.

Consideration of new partnership proposals and renewals

4. The Board considers new partnership proposals with both UK and international partners and evaluates any risk involved. During the reporting period, PB has considered 17 new collaborative arrangements.

Collaborative proposal	Brief description	Status
Revised proposal for a Dual Degree LLM with Singapore Management University(SMU)	Dual award LLM programme: graduates will receive both the QMUL LLM degree award, and the SMU degree award.	Approval of detailed programme by TPB pending.
Articulation Agreement with Amity University, India	2+2 Articulation agreement into Mechanical Engineering	Approval of partnership deferred pending receipt of financial information. TPB to consider academic mapping.
Study abroad agreement with Beijing Jiaotong University (BJTU) and EECS	BJTU students to study the first three years UG Bachelor's degree at BJTU and then Study as associate students in the final year of their degree	Memorandum of Agreement to be finalised pending MRAG decision on fees level.

	programme at QMUL through the Study Abroad Programme. Following this they can apply for a 1 year Masters programme at QMUL in a related subject.	
Professional Doctorate in Intercultural Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy in collaboration with the Refugee Therapy Centre(RTC) and Wolfson Institute:	A joint Clinical Doctorate in Intercultural Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy.	Proposal has been approved by the Professional Doctorates Committee (PDC).
Memorandum of Agreement with REED SMITH LLP for the delivery of internships for undergraduate Law students	LLB Law in Practice with an additional one-year work-based placement at Reed Smith LLP.	The Memorandum of Agreement has been approved and signed.
Erasmus+ Programme Agreements	Staff and student mobility with the following institutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aristotle University of Thessaloniki with the School of Law; • Lille University 1 (Sciences et Technologies) with SBCS; Vigo University, Spain, with CCLS; • Koç University in Istanbul with School of History; • Bocconi University, Italy, with the School of Law; • Humboldt University, Berlin and the School of History. 	PB has approved the partners and the relevant Agreements.
MOU and Agreement with University of Maryland College Park	University of Maryland students studying at the University of Maryland London centre to take one academic module at QMUL through the Study Abroad programme as part time Associates.	The Agreements have been approved and are in the process of being signed.
Study Abroad agreement with Arcadia University College of Global Studies	Students on the Arcadia Study Abroad programmes to continue to attend QMUL as Associate students.	The Agreement has been approved.

University of Texas at Austin, Texas, USA	Student Exchange Agreement with the School of Law.	PB has approved the Agreement.
Agreement with UCL	This is included in a joint QMUL (SMD) - UCL bid to Health Education England (HEE) to support William Harvey Institute to deliver an MSc in Genomic Medicine as part of the NHS "Modernising Scientific Careers" programme. UCL will contribute to the programme by teaching a number of QMUL modules.	The bid has been submitted and awaiting confirmation for funding. The agreement with UCL is being finalised.
Marie Curie European Joint Doctorate (EJD)	Joint PhD arrangement with Birmingham University and the Polytechnic Institute in Turin (SEMS)	PB has approved the partners involved in the consortium.
Erasmus+Joint Masters in Advanced Intellectual Property	Proposal within the Erasmus+ Joint Masters framework submitted by CCLS: University of Alicante to be lead institution.	PB approved the initial proposal at its meeting in November. The more detailed proposal was subsequently rejected due to lack of clarity. This is currently still in working progress.
Collaboration with Northwestern Polytechnical University (NWPU), China	Joint Programme in Materials Science and Engineering	PB approved Stage 1 of the proposal. This will be subsequently considered by QMSE and reported to Council. The detailed academic case needs to be approved by Taught Programmes Board.
Agreement with the University of Minnesota	Study Abroad	PB approved the agreement subject to reviewing implications of the UK Data Protection Act.
Collaboration with Birzeit University, Palestine	Memorandum of Understanding to cover existing joint research activity with the School of Law.	Agreement is pending further information for the Due Diligence.
Collaboration with Toshiba Medical Systems Ltd	Toshiba Medical Systems Ltd to provide access to imaging equipment for a new module –	The Board has requested further information from SMD on the rationale for

	'Imaging in Sports Medicine' within the PGT taught programme in 'Sports and Exercise Medicine'.	the partnership.
University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand	MOU and student exchange agreement	PB has approved the partner and the Agreement.

Strategy Development

The Draft International Strategy was circulated to PB at its November meeting and the Chair reported on its development. The Strategy would provide the context for the PB activity on overseas collaboration.

Discussion papers

PB considered the following discussion papers and proposals:

- Creating mobility windows - evidence for recruitment potential of 4 year degrees: the desirability of introducing 4-year degree options with a year of study or work abroad, in the third year of the programme, to be run in parallel with existing three-year degree options.
- Review of Scholarships (paper also discussed at the Taught Programmes Planning Group and MRAG).
- Proposal to standardise level of scholarships for partners.

Consultations

PB has been informed about the QAA Consultation on 'Qualifications Awarded by Two or More Degree-Awarding Bodies'. The aim of the consultation is to produce additional guidance on joint, double/multiple degrees as a supplement to Chapter B10.

PB members have been invited to send comments on the consultation questions by Monday **16 March**. These will feed into the consolidated QMUL response to be sent by **23 March**.

Reports

PB has received the following Reports during this period:

- Report on articulation and progression arrangements with international partners;
- Joint Programme with BUPT: Annual Report (EECS);
- QMUL Quality Assurance Visit to Nanchang University, 3-7 November 2014.

Work on policies

PB has approved the setting up of a small working group to revise the policy and supporting guidance for joint/dual degree arrangements. The draft revised policy would be presented to Partnerships Board and then to Senate for approval.

Meetings in 2014-15

PB will hold the following meetings in the remaining period 2014-15:

Tuesday 24 March 2015

Tuesday 19 May 2015

Tuesday 23 June 2015

Tuesday 21 July 2015