



Senate

Paper Title	Partnerships Board Executive Summary: 2 nd March 2015 to 1 st June 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 March to June 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;
Special Advisor to the Principal on 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 two meetings.

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 11 new collaborative arrangements.

Collaborative proposal	Brief description	Status
Agreement with the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (OHIM) – CCLS	Internship programme at OHIM and other collaborative activities in the area of Intellectual Property	Approved by PB. MOU to be signed.
Agreements with the following Chinese partners : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East China University of Political Science and Law (ECUPL); • Beijing Foreign Studies University (BFSU); • Sichuan University; 	1+1+1 arrangement: under this model students would complete the first year of their Masters study at the Chinese University, second year at QMUL on a normal 1- year Masters programme, and the third year back at the Chinese university. 4+1 arrangement: Students	Approved by PB. Agreements are being finalised with the Chinese partners.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central South University (CSU); • Renmin University of China (RUC). 	<p>complete their UG programme at the Chinese university and apply to QMUL to do a Masters.</p> <p>Schools in HSS</p>	
Agreement with Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (SHUFE)	Reciprocal student exchange agreement between SHUFE and the School of Economics and Finance.	Approved by PB. Agreement to be finalised.
Agreement with the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (School of Law)	Collaborative activities in the field of International Shipping Law.	PB noted the Memorandum of Understanding
Erasmus+ Programme Agreements	<p>Staff and student mobility with the following institutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copenhagen University (existing partner); • <i>La Sapienza</i> University (existing partner); • <i>Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya</i> (UPC) (new partner); • Tübingen University (CCLS) • Bologna University (SPIR) • University of Cyprus (SEMS) 	PB has approved the partners and the relevant Agreements.
Articulation Agreement with Amity University, India: revised proposal	1 + 2 to BEng: Following completion of one year of BEng at Amity, students would be granted admission to the 2 nd year of the 3-year BEng at SEMS.	Both PB and TPB have approved the proposal. The Agreement will be finalised with the partner.
Agreement with Aksum University, Ethiopia (IHSE)	Development activity to be undertaken by IHSE staff in the University of Medicine Aksum. This is part of the Ethiopian Medical Education Partnerships Project (EMEPP) funded through a grant from THET (Tropical Health Education Trust).	PB has requested further details on the proposal, including risk assessment information and faculty strategic approval.
MOU with the University of Naples (UNO) - Law	Collaboration with UNO <i>Jean Monnet</i> Centre of Excellence on Migrants' Rights in the Mediterranean	PB approved the proposal.

Exchange agreement with Shanghai Jiaotong University (SJTU)	An exchange agreement for two students from QMUL School of Law and the KoGuan Law School SJTU	The Exchange Agreement has been approved and will be finalised with the partner.
Exchange Agreement with BUPT	BUPT and QMUL will accept up to 6 PhD students, for periods of 3 months, 6 months or 12 months to do joint-research.	The Agreement has been signed.
Erasmus+Joint Masters in Advanced Intellectual Property	Proposal within the Erasmus+ Joint Masters framework submitted by CCLS: University of Alicante to be lead institution.	Revised proposal approved by Chair's action and confirmed by PB.

Strategy Development

5. The Chair has reported on the development of the International Strategy as well as on the 'deep dive' report on the risks involved in establishing international partnerships.

Work on policies and procedures

6. PB has considered the following proposals for revision of current policies and procedures:
- Approval Procedures: review of the procedures used in the evaluation of potential partnerships. Revised Due Diligence and Risk Assessment guidance will be finalised for 2015/16.
 - Proposal to introduce a revised policy on joint and double degrees in Queen Mary Collaborative Provision Framework (QMCPF): discussion paper relating to the potential for QMUL to offer joint awards. Following PB comments, the proposal will be updated and will be submitted to Senate in the next academic year.
 - Arrangements for the Termination of Collaborative Partnerships: proposal to review and enhance the current termination procedures.
 - Agreements with overseas sponsors/governments: new process of partner approval in the area of co-funding.

Meetings in 2014-15

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

Tuesday 23 June 2015
 Tuesday 21 July 2015

Meetings in 2015-16

8. PB will hold the following meetings in 2015/16:

Tuesday 20 October
Tuesday 17 November
Tuesday 15 December
Tuesday 16 February
Tuesday 22 March
Tuesday 17 May
Tuesday 21 June
Tuesday 19 July