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Paper Title	Vice-Principal's (Public Engagement and Student Enterprise) Advisory Group Executive Summary of the meeting held on 9 February 2015
Outcome requested	Senate is asked to note the paper.
Points for Senate members to note and further information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of the Advisory Group is that of a strategic role, including governance issues, overseeing public engagement and student enterprise at QMUL. • The members of the Group are representatives from each Faculty, the Student Union, the Centre for Public Engagement, and representatives of relevant Professional Services departments. Representatives of significant public engagement and student enterprise projects are invited to attend the meetings as appropriate.
Questions for Senate to consider	<p>The paper is provided for information.</p> <p>This report provides an update on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Advisory Group's Terms of Reference and Membership (section 2); • The report from the Vice-Principal for Public Engagement and Student Enterprise (section 3); • Activities from the School of Medicine and Dentistry (section 4); • Reports from the Centre for Public Engagement (section 5); • Reports from Professional Services (section 6); • Reports from the Student Union (section 7).
Regulatory/statutory reference points	n/a
Strategy and risk	n/a
Reporting/consideration route for the paper	For report to Senate.
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**VICE-PRINCIPAL PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND STUDENT ENTERPRISE
ADVISORY GROUP**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MEETING HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2015

1. Summary

This report summarises the main areas of discussion of the Advisory Group to the Vice-Principal (Public Engagement and Student Enterprise) at the meeting held on 9 February 2015. For a full set of notes please contact the Secretary, Katherine Bevan k.bevan@qmul.ac.uk

2. Approval of Terms of Reference and Membership

This was the first meeting of this Group, with one further meeting scheduled for 2014/15. From 2015/16 onwards, the Group will meet three times per academic year (once per semester). The Group's terms of reference and membership for 2014-15 is provided in Annex A and will be further revised at the start of 2015/16.

3. Report from the Vice Principal for Public Engagement and Student Enterprise

The Vice-Principal reported that a Public Engagement Strategy was to be developed in support of the main College Strategy document, and that there was clear evidence of high impact scores in the Research Excellence Framework exercise due to the research-led public engagement work carried out across the College. The Vice-Principal also noted that positive feedback had been received from Research Councils UK (RCUK) due to College activities funded by the RCUK Catalyst Grant.

4. Faculty Report on Impact and Public Engagement – School of Medicine and Dentistry

Dr Rob Bennett gave an oral report on Impact and Public Engagement activities within the School of Medicine and Dentistry. The report was focussed on activities within the Centre of the Cell and the Pathology Museum. A number of other areas and initiatives e.g. QProjects, the Centre for Psychiatry, and the Dental Outreach Centre were also mentioned.

5. Centre for Public Engagement

Copies of the two annual reports that QMUL had prepared for RCUK were circulated, along with recent feedback received from RCUK. Work was in progress to prepare for Planning and Accountability Round (PAR) bids for a Public Engagement Assistant post, and to support participation in national festivals.

6. Reports from Professional Services

The Group received reports from Student Services, and Research Services and Business Development. It was noted that support was needed to help staff make better grant applications, and that applicants were often unclear what was meant by the term 'public engagement'.

7. Reports from Student Union

The Group received reports from the Student Union President, and from the Chief Executive of the Student Union. Key points included the application to Sports England to support the provision of professional coaching qualifications in emerging sports, and the filming of six TED Talks at QMUL in June.



Vice-Principal (Public Engagement and Student Enterprise)

Terms of Reference

- To take responsibility for the Public Engagement Strategy as developed by the Centre for Public Engagement and approved by QMSE and Council, monitoring progress against targets. Making recommendations to QMSE and Council on proposed policies and procedures that relate to Public Engagement and Student Enterprise.
- To consider draft policies related to public engagement and student enterprise before they are put before QMSE for approval.
- Making recommendations to QMSE and advising the Vice-Principal on the operation of policies related to public engagement and student enterprise
- Other matters referred to the Vice-Principal by Senate and QMSE.
- Identifying and sponsoring appropriate initiatives for:
 - Enhancing quality engagement and enterprise activity across the College;
 - Promoting the integration of engaged approaches into research, scholarship, learning and teaching
 - Encouraging innovation and sharing of best practice
 - Supporting development of staff through reward of engagement and enterprise skills
 - Ensuring integration of support across all aspects of the college, including professional services
 - Developing appropriate high quality provision and support for measuring the impact of engagement and enterprise activities, ensuring such activities can contribute to college wide activities such as the REF
- Receiving updates on related Task and Finish Groups
- Receive reports on large Public Engagement and Student Enterprise projects, including Centre of the Cell and the Mile End Group, considering issues arising and seeking College-wide solutions to matters of concern
- Receiving updates on other significant related Public Engagement and Student Enterprise projects, such as People's Palace Projects

The core membership is:

Vice-Principal (Public Engagement and Student Enterprise), Chair

Faculty Representatives:

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Faculty of Science and Engineering

School of Medicine and Dentistry

Professor Omar García-Obregón

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Dr Rob Bennett

Sabbatical officer and Staff member from the Students' Union:

Dola Osilaja, Student Union President

Mike Wojcik, Student Union Executive Office

Chairs of relevant groups

Professor Mike Curtis, Chair, Centre for Public Engagement

Chairs of relevant Task and Finish groups

TBC

Representatives of relevant Professional Services departments

Public Engagement:	Bryony Frost
Student Services:	Emma Bull
Business Development:	Sally Burtles
Marketing and Communications:	Tania Rhodes-Taylor

Executive Officer (Public Engagement and Student Enterprise)

Charlotte Thorley

By invitation/in attendance:

Secretary

Katherine Bevan, ARCS

To attend for appropriate reporting

Careers:	Emily Huns
Centre of the Cell:	Fran Balkwill
Pathology Museum:	Carla Valentine
People's Palace Projects:	Rosie Hunter