



Senate

Paper Title	Partnerships Board Executive Summary: 1 st June 2015 to 1 st October 2015 Terms of Reference 2015/16
Outcome requested	Senate is asked to note the PB Executive Summary and approve its Terms of Reference.
Points for Senate members to note and further information	This paper summarises the business of PB from June to October 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. Terms of Reference (TORs) and Board Membership composition are attached.
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 16 new collaborative arrangements:

Collaborative proposal	Brief description	Status
Exchange Agreement with OP Jindal Global University - Law	UG exchange between the Law Schools as part of the 4-years LLB with a year abroad - Global Law programme.	Approved by PB. To be signed by the Principal.
Exchange with the National Law School of India University - Law	Exchange Agreement between the Law Schools as part of the 4 years LLB with a year abroad - Global Law programme.	Approved by PB. Agreements are being finalised
Agreement with Dubai Campus of Manipal University	Extension of Articulation Agreement with Manipal University, India, to include students from Manipal Dubai Campus.	Approved by PB subject to a site visit.
Memoranda of Understanding with the following US institutions:	General collaborative activities in the area of research as well as enabling one to three visiting students	Approved by PB.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A.T. Still University, Arizona School of Health Sciences • Harvard University • Howard University 	from the US institutions to spend short periods of time with QMUL Institute of Dentistry.	
Erasmus+ Programme Agreements	Staff and student mobility with the following institutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Ferrara (Law) 	PB has approved the partners and the relevant Agreements.
Memoranda of Understanding with University of Guyana (Institute of Dentistry)	Development activities to support specialty training for Guyana dental academic staff	PB has approved the partner and the MOU.
Memorandum of Understanding with University of West Indies (Institute of Dentistry)	Development activities	PB has approved the partner and the MOU.
Agreement with the Fund for Human Resource Development” (FIDERH), Mexico	Funding Agency Agreement	PB has approved the partnership and the Agreement.
Agreement for the Chevening Scholarships	Co-funding Agreement with FCO	PB has approved the Agreement
Exchange Agreement with University of Toronto (Law)	An exchange agreement to allow up to 2 FTE students to be exchanged annually	PB has approved the Agreement.
Research Centre with the Victoria and Albert Museum (SLLF)	MOU with the aim of developing a joint research centre for the Study of Childhood Culture. The partner site will be the V&A Museum of Childhood (MoC).	PB has approved the MOU.
CCLS with Society of Computers and Law (SCL)	Provision of a joint, elective module – ‘Foundations in IT Law’ - on Distance Learning Computer and Communications Law Programme with SCL	PB has approved the partnership.
Exchange Agreement with National University of Singapore (NUS)	UG student exchange agreement between NUS and QMUL law schools as part of the LLB Global Law	PB has approved the Agreement.

	programme	
Agreement with FUNED (<i>Fundación Mexicana para la Educación, la Tecnología y la Ciencia</i>)	Funding Agency Agreement	PB has approved the Agreement.
Sichuan University	Renewal of MOU	PB has approved the renewal.
Renmin University of China, School of International Education	Amendment of Progression and Articulation Agreement	PB has approved the amendments; these will be applied from September 2017.
Joint Programmes Annual Reports: i. MA History of Political Thought ii. UG Laws Directors' report iii. PG Laws Directors' report	Annual Reports from Joint Programmes	PB has noted them.

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 proposal 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 has been finalised for 2015/16.

Meetings in 2015-16

7. 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

Partnerships Board

Terms of Reference

On behalf of Senate, to undertake scrutiny of QMUL's partnership activity.*

1. To review policies and procedures for the development and management of new partnerships, based on risk and proportionality, within the context of best practice in the sector.
2. To consider outline business plans, risk assessments and due diligence documentation as part of the approval of proposed new partnerships and other initiatives involving one or more external partners.
3. To liaise as appropriate with Taught Programmes Board, Professional Doctorate Committee and Research Degrees Programmes and Examination Board over the approval and review of collaborative programmes.
4. To receive reports from partnership steering committees.
5. To oversee an annual review of existing partnerships and monitor progress against agreed targets at regular intervals.
6. To take an overview of the Register of Collaborative Provision.
7. To refer partnership proposals of strategic significance to Queen Mary Senior Executive (QMSE) for consideration.
8. To advise Senate on the development, promotion and performance of partnerships both in the UK and overseas.

* 'Partnership activity' means:

- a) all courses and programmes of study (including postgraduate research and professional development activities) leading to academic credits and/or awards of QMUL that are delivered, assessed or supported (financially or otherwise) through an arrangement with an external organisation;
- b) all research or knowledge transfer activity which is supported externally and where the source of support may present a reputational risk for QMUL;
- c) all major external partnerships for the purposes of research and/or knowledge transfer.

Membership 2015/16

Professor David Sadler, Vice Principal International, Chair

Professor Julia Shelton, Dean for Taught Programmes (Science and Engineering)

Professor Omar Garcia, Dean for Taught Programmes (Humanities and Social Sciences)

Professor Anthony Warrens, Dean for Education, SMD

Professor Laurie Cuthbert, Special Advisor to the Principal on China Operations

Jonathan Morgan, Academic Registrar and Council Secretary

Tania Rhodes-Taylor, Director of Marketing and Communications

Dean Curtis, Chief Strategy Officer

Imran Hussain VP Education, QMSU

Professor Wen Wang, Dean for Research (Science and Engineering)

Professor Adrian Smith, Dean for Research (Humanities and Social Sciences)

Professor Mauro Perretti, Dean for Research (School of Medicine & Dentistry)

In attendance:

Jane Pallant, Deputy Academic Registrar, Academic Registry and Council Secretariat

Louise Sutherland, Executive Officer (International)

Pat Power, Deputy Director Marketing and Communications (International Office)

Andrew George, Head of International Partnerships (International Office)

Raluca Vasiliu-Mclver, Secretary (Academic Registry and Council Secretariat)