

Vice Principal Science and Engineering's report to Senate

The Faculty of Science & Engineering has recruited well this year, meeting its overall recruitment target:

	Target	Actual	Difference
UG	4538	4688	150
PGT	347	274	-73
Total FTE	4885	4962	77

Data from Enrolment Summary 2015/16 as at 29/10/2015 generated by SPO

As in the other faculties, we experienced an under-recruitment in PGT but this was offset by buoyant recruitment in UG. We will be working with schools to determine whether recruitment targets should be amended in the light of recruitment patterns this year.

The latest phase of refurbishment of the Engineering Building is running according to schedule. We were delighted to see the first group of 70 students using the completely refurbished teaching laboratory in early November. This updated space offers an outstanding learning environment for our Engineering and Materials Science students.



Over 200 people attended the launch of the cross-Faculty Institute of Bioengineering (IoB) on the 8th October. The IoB is a key part of QMUL's Life Sciences Initiative. It serves as a framework for ground breaking research from across the faculties of Science & Engineering and Medicine & Dentistry. Talks at the event focused on cutting-edge scientific research in bioengineering, biomaterials and biomedicine from scientists and medical experts. Professor Donald Ingber from Harvard Medical School and Boston Children's Hospital is a pioneer in the field of 'organs on a chip'. He gave a presentation as did representatives from the BBSRC, EPSRC and GlaxoSmithKline.

Schools have completed their draft submissions as part of the annual Planning and Accountability Review (PAR) and the Faculty Executive are now developing our Faculty submission. The Faculty has clear ambitions to grow and improve our standing both nationally and internationally and will be developing a strategy to complement that ambition in the coming months.

Like all universities, we await the outcome of the Comprehensive Spending Review. The potential impact on RCUK grant income and government support for high cost research and teaching facilities is a matter of concern for us. The impact of the CSR on our activities will need to be thoroughly reviewed once the details are unveiled at the end of November.