

Vice Principal International's Report to Senate

VPIAG

The first Vice Principal's International Advisory Group (VPIAG) was held in October. The group will monitor implementation of the new International Strategy. See separate report and terms of reference for more information. A number of sub-groups, including Regional Interest Groups and an Outward Mobility Task and Finish Group, will meet for the first time in early 2016.

Joint Educational Institute with Northwestern Polytechnical University

An application to the Chinese MoE has been submitted in support of a Joint Educational Institute with Northwestern Polytechnical University. A decision is expected on the outcome of the application by Spring 2016.

Partnerships Board

Partnerships Board has considered 21 collaborative proposals in the reporting period. Please see separate Partnerships Board report for further information.

Travel

The first of this year's academic overseas tours took place in Pakistan and Bangladesh. The group, comprised of the VP International and colleagues from the schools of Business and Management, Electronic Engineering and Computer Science, and the Language Centre, undertook a series of visits to universities, ministries and other sponsorship bodies. A number of opportunities have arisen as a result of the trip including a co-funding partnership with the HEC (Pakistan) in support of local capacity building. In November, the VP International will participate in an International Unit led UK mission to Mexico in support of identifying opportunities for research collaboration and then go on to visit our Indian partner universities shortly thereafter in early December.

Reputation building

Representing QMUL, the VP International and colleagues have attended a number of policy dialogue events including: PVC roundtable at City Hall to discuss the impact of the current visa regime and immigration policy on the number of Indian students enrolling at London Universities; Brazil-UK Forum with Coimbra group of Brazilian Universities; Kazakhstan-UK Forum organised by the JSC Center for International Programmes (Bolashak). As part of a trip to India in early December, the VP International will speak the THE BRICS and Emerging Economies Universities Summit. Coinciding with this, he has been invited to join a ministerial delegation to Delhi led by MPs Sajid Javid and Jo Johnson.