



Senate

Paper Title	Partnerships Board Executive Summary: 20 November 2015 to 16 February 2016
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 November 20 to February 2016.
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 for 2015-16 were confirmed at PB meeting on 17 November and were submitted for the December Senate meeting.
3. The Partnerships Board meets monthly. During the reporting period, PB has held two meetings: on 15 December and on 26 February.

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 18 collaborative proposals:

Collaborative proposal	Brief description	Status
Al Mustansiriyah University, Iraq: (Dentistry)	1+1 and 4+1 progression agreement: students to study non-clinical masters programmes in dentistry.	PB approved the proposal subject to an amendment to the agreement.
Duhok Polytechnic University, Iraq: progression agreement (Dentistry)	4+1 progression agreement: students may apply to study a Masters degree programme.	PB approved the proposal.
Central South University, China (SBM)	1+1 Progression Agreement: students can apply to study a Masters programme with SBM.	PB approved the proposal.
Kyung Hee University, South Korea (EECS)	Collaborative research activities within the area of	PB approved the proposal. MOU to be

	eHealth, exchange of staff and of research publications.	signed.
University of São Paulo: Exchange agreement (School of Law)	Student exchange agreement.	PB approved the proposal. Agreement to be signed by the partner.
University Pathway Alliance (UPA): (SLLF and SBCS)	An alliance of the following UK institutions who offer in-house Pathway programmes: Universities of Southampton, Birmingham, Essex, Reading, Kent and Oxford Brookes.	PB approved the proposal.
Aix-Marseille University, LERMA: (Laboratoire d'Études et de Recherche sur le Monde Anglophone): research agreement (Centre for Religion and Literature in English: English and Drama and History)	Research collaboration on literature in English and religion.	PB approved the proposal. Agreement is in the process of being signed.
Erasmus+ Programme Agreements	Staff and student mobility with the following institutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Bologna (SEMS) • E+ staff exchange agreement with Alcala, Spain (SLLF) • University of Thessaly, Greece (SBM) 	PB has approved the partners and the related Agreements.
LLM in Art, Business and Law with the Institute of Art and Law (IAL): CCLS	Co-teaching with IAL of a new LLM in Art, Business and Law	<p>PB asked for additional information on the partner and clarification of the business case.</p> <p>Following approval of the academic case by TPB, PB confirmed the approval of the partnership through Chair's action. The agreement is work in progress.</p>
University of Queensland: School of Law)	Exchange Agreement as part of the LLB Global Law programme.	PB approved the proposal. The Agreement to be finalised and

		signed.
Agreement with Renmin University of China (RUC), School of Finance (SEF and SBM)	1+1+1 and 4+1 Progression agreements (to study Masters programmes) and Study Abroad agreement. Options available for both RUC and QMUL students.	PB approved the proposal subject to making a number of amendments to the agreements. These will be updated and discussed with RUC.
Certificate in Clinical Foundation Studies (Science for Future Clinicians Module) with St Paul's Way Trust School (Dentistry)	A-level teachers from St Paul's Way Trust School to teach on Science for Future Clinicians Modules of Certificate in Clinical Foundation Studies	PB decision has been postponed pending further discussions.
Jiangnan University: (EECS)	1+1 progression agreement	PB approved the proposal.
Montreal University - (School of Law)	General MOU: research collaboration	PB approved the proposal.
University of València (UPV), the Technological Centre of Telecommunications Catalunya (CTTC), University of Navarra, Spain and BUPT (EECS)	Tripartite Study Abroad Agreement: top students on the Joint Programme between BUPT and QMUL to spend about 90 days with partner institutions to prepare their final year project under the joint supervision of QMUL and the partners.	PB approved the proposal subject to some amendments to be made to the agreement. MRAG to approve scholarships for the JP students.
O P Jindal Global University (JGU)	MOU to facilitate collaboration in teaching, academic and research activities and to assist development of research capacities in a number of emergent new universities in South Asia.	Agreement approved through Chair's action and noted by PB.

Review of QMUL policies

- PB discussed the current QMUL International Partnerships Ethical Policy. An updated document will be presented at the next PB meeting in March.

Reports

- PB has received the following Reports during this period:
 - Report on articulation and progression arrangements with international partners;
 - Joint Programme with Nanchang University;

- Joint Programme with BUPT;
- MA in the History of Political Thought and Intellectual History (jointly offered by QMUL and UCL);
- Global Shakespeare MA (with Warwick).

Meetings in 2015-16

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

Tuesday 22 March

Tuesday 17 May

Tuesday 21 June

Tuesday 19 July