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Paper Title	Vice-Principal's (International) Advisory Group Executive Summary
Outcome requested	Senate is asked to note the paper.
Points for Senate members to note and further information	The purpose of the Advisory Group is to advise on the implementation of the International Strategy and monitor progress against agreed targets
Questions for Senate to consider	The paper is provided for information . This report provides an update on the main items discussed at VPIAG meeting on 4 February.
Regulatory/statutory reference points	Under the QMUL Delegation Framework, the VP (International) has responsibility for the leadership of cross-QMUL international activities and the development and delivery of the QMUL International Strategy.
Strategy and risk	VPIAG role is to review and make recommendations in relation to the risk register for international activities
Reporting/consideration route for the paper	For report to Senate.
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VICE-PRINCIPAL RESEARCH ADVISORY GROUP EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Terms of Reference and Membership

1. Group membership consists of:

Chair: Vice Principal International
Executive Officer (International)
Faculty representatives from HSS, S&E and SMD
Student representative
Director of Student Services
Deputy Director of Marketing & Communications
Academic Registrar & Council Secretary
Academic Lead for Study Abroad
Academic Lead for International Student Experience
Director of the Language Centre
JP Programme Director

2. Terms of Reference (TORs) and Membership composition for 2015-16 were confirmed at VPIAG meeting on 27 October and provided for the December Senate meeting.
3. The second meeting of the Group was held on 4 February 2016.

Summary of the meeting held on 4 February 2016

For a full set of notes please contact the Secretary: r.vasilu-mciver@qmul.ac.uk

4. This summarises the main areas of discussion of the Advisory Group to the Vice-Principal (International) at the meeting held on 4 February 2016.

5. **International Strategy Action Plan**

VPIAG took note of the Strategy Action Plan which included the main targets, indicators for progress, ownership and lead officers responsible for implementation.

6. **Foundation programme progression rates: Update on Reform of Pathway Provision**

VPAIG received an update on progress made on the reform of the Pathway Provision and discussed the measures that could be put in place to achieve a 50% increase of international students. Points discussed included:

- Promotion of the programmes with external stakeholders;
- Devolving of the admissions process;

- The need to reconsider the structure and model of Foundation Programmes.

A paper would be prepared for QMSE summarising the issues in order to determine whether Foundation Programmes should be reviewed.

7. Russell Group early enrolment data. 2015 Enrolment Benchmarked Against Russell Group

VPIAG considered the survey conducted in December 2015 by the Russell Group amongst its members on recruitment from 6 major markets; China, India, USA, Malaysia, Nigeria and Indonesia as well as overall figures for international recruitment.

The data provided an early snapshot of recruitment data. At UG level QMUL had outperformed the RG with 10% growth compared to 2% across the group as a whole. However the numbers were lower for PGT and PGR programmes

8. Outward student mobility

VPIAG received a report from the Outward Student Mobility Task and Finish Group. The Group was expected to make recommendations on how to increase student mobility within six months.

9. Summary of International application statistics

VPIAG received for information a summary of international application statistics for the current year.

Meetings in 2015-16

10. VPIAG will hold another meeting on 5 May 2016.