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| Paper Title | Vice-Principal's (Public Engagement and Student Enterprise) Advisory Group (VPPESEAG) Executive Summary of the meeting held in July 2018 |
| Outcome requested | Senate is asked to note the executive summary. |
| Points for Senate members to note and further information | This paper provides an overview of the matters considered at the Vice-Principal's Public Engagement and Student Enterprise Advisory Group meeting of July 09 2018. |
| Questions for Senate to consider | n/a |
| Regulatory/statutory reference points | n/a |
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VICE-PRINCIPAL PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND STUDENT ENTERPRISE ADVISORY GROUP

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Meeting held on 09 July 2018

1. Summary.

This report summarises the main areas of discussion of the Advisory Group to the Vice-Principal (Public Engagement and Student Enterprise) at the meeting held on 09 July 2018. For a full set of notes please contact the Secretary, Katherine Bevan k.bevan@qmul.ac.uk

2. Members Business.

This was the fourth (of four) meetings of the Group in the 2017/18 academic year. The following items were tabled:

a. Report of the Vice-Principal for Public Engagement and Student Enterprise.

- Discussions are in train to establish what is needed for Queen Mary to apply for the National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement (NCCPE) Platinum Award, which can only be awarded to those who have held the NCCPE Gold Award for at least three years.

b. Centre for Public Engagement (CPE)

- Discussions are in train for Queen Mary to become a signatory of the newly established UK branch of the Talloires international Public Engagement Network (<https://talloiresnetwork.tufts.edu/who-we-are/>).
- Representatives of the CPE had met with representatives from the Turing Institute, and the Institute of Research in Schools (IRIS) in order to discuss closer working, and with the London Borough of Tower Hamlets Council to discuss how Queen Mary can be part of the Council's community plan.
- The London SciComm symposium, attended by more than one hundred people had been held at Queen Mary;
- A small-scale launch of the Evaluation Toolkit took place in June, with a national launch planned for the Engage conference in December - <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/publicengagement/goodpractice/evaluation-toolkit/>.

c. Student Enterprise

- Approximately £32k has been distributed for Student Enterprise activities, including a Virtual Reality App for children, and company selling environmentally friendly nuts.

d. Community Engagement

- The third Festival of the Communities took place over the weekend of May 12th-13th. Over 3000 people had attended 73 events delivered by representatives from across the Faculties and Professional Services. There were also several student-led stalls.

e. Environmental Sustainability

- The Group noted the planned reinstatement of the railway underpass between the northern limit of the campus and Meath Gardens. This would enable students to access the shops on Roman Road, and allowing access to Meath Gardens.

f. Research Impact

- The post of Research Impact Manager was to be re-advertised.
- Professor Kavita Datta had been appointed to the post of Deputy Vice-Principal for Research (Impact).

g. Arts and Cultural Strategy

- The Queen Mary residency at the Tate Exchange at the beginning of May had attracted an average of more than 330 visitors per day.
- An Arts Week was held in June for which the launch event was the inaugural lecture of Maria Balshaw, the Tate Director, to celebrate her honorary Professorship awarded by the School of Business and Management.
- Dr Shahida Bari from the School of English and Drama would be the Lead for Arts and Culture in 2018-19 while Professor Andrea Brady would be on a year-long sabbatical.
- The autumn programme was planned to have an 'arts and science' or 'arts and technology' theme

h. Reports from Faculty Representatives

Reports were received from each of the three Faculty Representatives. The Group **noted** that:

- Queen Mary had been announced as one of only six 'Being Human' hubs within the UK, and a number of humanities-research-related events would take place during November.
- A major milestone regarding the Neuron Pod had been reached earlier that week, with the fabrication of the main structure now complete, and the fit-out phase to start shortly. The opening ceremony would be scheduled for Spring 2019.

i. Reports from Professional Services

Reports were received from Marketing and Communications, and from Research Services and Business Development.

j. Student Union

The Group **received** a presentation concerning the Phoenix School supported internship programme for young people with learning difficulties.

3. Reports from committees.

The Group **received** a presentation from the Head of Design and Branding concerning Queen Mary's proposed 'Brand Model and Narrative'. The project intended to provide Queen Mary staff with the tools and narrative with which to communicate a consistent message.

4. Dates of meetings in 2018-19.

- Monday, November 13 2018, 15:15– 17:00. Graduate Centre GC 604.
- Monday, January 21 2019, 14:00 – 15:30. Peoples' Palace, LG01, Mile End.
- Monday, April 8 2019, 14:00 – 15:30, Robert Tong Room, Mile End.
- Monday, July 1 2019, 14:00 – 15:30, Robert Tong Room, Mile End.