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Paper Title	Vice-Principal's (Public Engagement and Student Enterprise) Advisory Group (VPPESEAG) Executive Summary of the meeting held in April 2019
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 April 08 2019.
Questions for Senate to consider	n/a
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Strategy and risk	n/a
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VICE-PRINCIPAL PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND STUDENT ENTERPRISE ADVISORY GROUP

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Meeting held on 08 April 2019

1. Summary.

This report summarises the main areas of discussion of the Advisory Group to the Principal's Executive Dean for Public Engagement and Student Enterprise at the meeting held on 08 April 2019. For a full set of notes please contact the Secretary, Nyree Myatt n.myatt@qmul.ac.uk

2. Members Business.

This was the first (of four) meetings of the Group in the 2018/19 academic year to take place. The following items were tabled:

a. Report on behalf of the Executive Dean and the Centre for Public Engagement (CPE)

- Discussions were ongoing between Queen Mary and the National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement (NCCPE) on the criteria needed for the Platinum Award, which can only be awarded to those who have held the NCCPE Gold Award for at least three years.
- Queen Mary would have held the NCCPE Gold Award for three years by December 2019.
- Queen Mary would be submitting their intention for the Platinum Award at the end of this year and was hopeful it would be the first university to receive the Platinum Award
- To achieve the Platinum Award, Queen Mary would need to show sustained excellence and act as an ambassador to other universities.
- Representatives of the CPE had been supporting Queen Mary's response to the Knowledge Exchange Framework (KEF). Public engagement was one of the areas that was covered by KEF.

b. Community Engagement

- The Festival of Communities would take place over the weekend of the 15th and 16th June. Over 30 applications had been received for funding.
- Queen Mary was supporting involvement for the Festival from Tower Hamlets and the local community and the Festival was to be launched at the end of April.
- Representatives from Community Engagement were working with Snapdragon and SBM to make the new Business and Management building accessible for local residents.
- A consultation event would be taking place in April on space around the canal and what would be happening with it.
- The Group **noted** that Queen Mary was a member of London Citizens, a group which runs campaigns on safety and community engagement work.

c. Student Enterprise

- Ten students from Queen Mary would be attending an immersion programme focussed on technology and colour in Silicon Valley to assist them with a future career in technology.
- Queen Mary had partnered with the University of Greenwich on Venture Pool. Venture Pool operated a bus which took students through London.
- Funding had been made available by Santander to help local businesses.

d. Environmental Sustainability

- The Group **noted** that bike maintenance and book recycling had taken place with nearly 60000 books recycled or re-used since the scheme started.
- Tower Hamlets and Queen Mary wanted to create a clean air corridor. To this end, an air sampling station had been installed outside the Engineering Building and Queen Mary had been testing air quality kits.

e. Research Impact

- The newly appointed research officer for S&E had been preparing case studies on impact at Queen Mary which would be placed on the Public Engagement section of the website. Updating the website would enable impact to be demonstrated.
- The UKRI Board visited in March and received a presentation on impact at Queen Mary.
- The Impact Engagement Officer had discussed impact at Westminster.
- A workshop titled "Parliament for Researchers" would be held in June with representation from the Parliamentary Office for Science and Technology.

f. Arts and Cultural Strategy

- The Group **noted** that the London Chamber Orchestra had moved into offices at Queen Mary and had held a concert with Queen Mary students in the "Side by Side" event.
- Queen Mary was intending to collaborate with Historic Royal Palaces on specific projects.
- Queen Mary had met with representation from the Museum of London who had moved their archive to Spitalfields and was looking to further develop their relationship. A workshop with the Museum of London was planned for May.
- The Digital Education Strategy was being finalised and work was in progress on the Arts and Cultural Programme. Events were listed for May and June on the theme of Arts and Wellbeing.
- The Annual Art lecture would be taking place on June 5th with Nish Kumar.
- The Artist Collective was collaborating with SMD; public art installations were planned to take place in June until the end of July.

g. Reports from Faculty Representatives

A comprehensive report was received from one Faculty Representative (H&SS)

h. Reports from Professional Services

The Group **received** and **noted** a report from Marketing and Communications.

- The new branding for Queen Mary had been launched and the new Education

Strategy 2030 would be launched on May 2nd.

- The Group discussed the different practices regarding TOIL or recompense for volunteers at Queen Mary. The different practices had led to difficulties attracting volunteers for events.

i. Commercial Services and Events

- The Group **noted** that Queen Mary had a licence to conduct weddings in the Octagon.
- Catering and Hospitality had a new team and had launched new menus.
- The Great Hall had been used for orchestra practice but it could not be used regularly because of exams.

j. Student Union

The Group **received** and **noted** the report provided by QMSU.

3. Dates of meetings in 2018-19.

- Monday, July 1 2019, 14:00 – 15:30, Robert Tong Room, Mile End.