



Senate

<b>Paper Title</b>	Partnerships Board - Executive Summary
<b>Outcome requested</b>	Senate is asked to <b>note</b> the PB Executive Summary
<b>Points for Senate members to note and further information</b>	This paper summarises the business of Partnerships Board from 1 June to 22 November 2019
<b>Questions for Senate to consider</b>	N/A
<b>Regulatory/statutory reference points</b>	<p>QMUL is required to comply with the expectations for quality detailed in UK Quality Code for Higher Education which states: <i>'Where a provider works in partnership with other organisations, it has in place effective arrangements to ensure that the academic experience is high-quality irrespective of where or how courses are delivered and who delivers them.'</i></p> <p>The Partnerships Board undertakes detailed scrutiny of QMUL's partnership activity on behalf of Senate.</p>
<b>Strategy and risk</b>	PB's role is to evaluate and monitor the risks of QMUL partnership arrangements, and to consider relevant policies and procedures.
<b>Reporting/consideration route for the paper</b>	This paper is a report to Senate.
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## PARTNERSHIPS BOARD

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This summary covers Partnership Board (PB) meetings held on 2 July and 15 October 2019. The next meeting of Partnerships Board will be held on 3 December 2019.

#### Terms of Reference and Membership

1. The Terms of Reference were discussed at the meeting on 15 October 2019. As Partnerships Board is reviewing its approvals processes, it was felt that the Terms of Reference will need amendment once the new processes are agreed. Revised Terms of Reference will be submitted to Senate for approval.
2. It was agreed that the International Deans from each Faculty will join PB as members with the Deans for Education and Deans for Research from each Faculty attending as business requires.
3. The QMSU President has been added to the membership alongside the QMSU VP Education.

#### 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 the following proposals with the outcomes as shown.
5. Memoranda of Understanding

Proposed Partner	Internal QMUL partner(s)	Decision
Sao Paulo State University (UNESP), Brazil	Geography	Approved
Federal University of Espirito Santo (UFES), Brazil	Blizard	Approved
Universiti Teknologi Petronas, Malaysia	All areas	Approved
Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil (renewal)	All areas	Approved
Office for National Statistics	All areas	Approved
University of Antioquia, Colombia	WIPM	Approved
Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Brazil	All areas	Pending
Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (URFJ), Brazil – MoU	All areas	Pending
Kyoto University, Japan	All areas	Pending

Foundation for the Superior Education and Development (FEDESARROLLO), Colombia	All areas	Pending
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6. Progression and Articulation Agreements

<b>Proposed Partner</b>	<b>Internal QMUL partner(s)</b>	<b>Decision</b>
Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, China	CCLS	Approved
Sichuan University, China - articulation/progression	General	Pending

7. Exchanges (new and renewals)

<b>Proposed Partner</b>	<b>Internal QMUL partner(s)</b>	<b>Decision</b>
Soochow University, China (Study Abroad)	General	Approved
Juntendo University, Japan	IHSE (MBBS)	Approved
Dartmouth College, USA (Study Abroad)	SED	Approved
University of Potsdam, Germany	SLLF	Approved
University of Maryland, USA (exchange and Study Abroad)	General	Pending
Arizona State University, USA	General	Approved
National Taiwan University, Taiwan	General	Approved
Shandong University, China (Study Abroad)	General	Approved
Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong (summer school)	General	Pending

8. Other collaborative activities

<b>Proposed Partner</b>	<b>Internal QMUL partner(s)</b>	<b>Decision</b>
Sorbonne University, France – double degree agreement (renewal)	CCLS	Approved
ESCP Europe, France - Advanced Standing programme (renewal)	CCLS	Approved
Project Phakama UK – hosting agreement	SED	Approved
Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP – placement agreement	Law	Approved
Bindmans LLP – placement agreement	Law	Approved

## Reports

9. At the 15 October meeting, a proposition for a more risk-based approach to approvals was discussed, with low-risk activities to be approved by the Faculty Executive, and Partnerships Board notified. High-risk approvals would still go to the Partnerships Board for approval. Work is now being done to develop a risk framework and agreed categorisation of certain types of activity as usually low risk, unless one of the risk elements in the new risk framework is triggered. This new risk-based approach will be discussed at the December meeting
10. The meeting received a report detailing Queen Mary's international education partnership activities in London and overseas for 2018/19. The following points were noted:
  - The numbers of enrolments on programmes in London by international students had increased by 26%.
  - The introduction of the Queen Mary summer schools had made a positive contribution to increased numbers
  - There had been an increase in the number of halo students (students coming from partners but not through specific partnership routes)
  - The diversity of countries sending students has increased
  - Revenue from articulation/progression activities increased from approximately £4m in 2017/18 to over £8m in 2018/19
  - It would be useful to include data on research and policy work and industry in next year's report

## Other Matters under Discussion

11. At the July meeting, the board received an update on work to ensure that Queen Mary has sufficient mobility placements to meet the increased demand from the new programmes with a Year Abroad. It was confirmed that sufficient places should be available to match requirements. The meeting discussed whether cost was a factor in preventing students from taking up opportunities to study abroad. It was agreed that Queen Mary should consider ways to ensure that finances are not a barrier to participating in these kinds of opportunities.

## Meetings in 2018-19

12. Meeting dates for 2019/20 are scheduled as follows:
  - Tuesday 3 December 2019
  - Friday 31 January 2020
  - Tuesday 17 March 2020
  - Tuesday 19 May 2020
  - Tuesday 7 July 2020