



**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 October to 3 November 2020.
<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 oversees QMUL's partnership activity on behalf of Senate.</p>
<b>Strategy and risk</b>	PB's role is to assess and monitor the risks of QMUL partnership arrangements, approve as necessary 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 the Partnership Board (PB) meeting held on 3 November 2020. The next meeting of Partnerships Board will be held on 26 January 2021.

#### **Terms of Reference and Membership**

1. Following discussion at the Partnerships Board meeting on 30 September, the Terms of Reference have been revised.

#### **Consideration of new partnership proposals and renewals**

2. Under the new low-risk approvals process introduced during 2019-20, Faculties are responsible for considering and approving low-risk Faculty partnership proposals with both UK and international partners, and individual Faculty approval is sought for partnerships before approval at institutional level for low-risk proposals. A report of these low-risk approved proposals is then submitted to Partnerships Board for noting. During the reporting period, PB has received notification of the following low-risk proposals approved by Faculties.
3. Faculty of Science and Engineering
  - Research Centre for Advance Materials (CONACyT), Mexico
  - Sri Lankan Institute of Information Technology, Sri Lanka
  - Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana, Colombia
4. Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
  - No approvals to report
5. School of Medicine and Dentistry
  - Shanghai University, China
6. Professional Services (including Global Engagement Office)
  - Shanghai University, China
7. At the 3 November meeting the Board considered a proposal for a partnership between Barts Cancer Institute (BCI) and Don't Forget the Bubbles (DFTB), a limited company. A number of concerns were raised about the suitability of the partner organisation, and the proposed collaborative activity, which were reported back to BCI for further action.

#### **Reports**

8. At the 3 November meeting the Board received a paper on the high-risk approval process, including a proposed risk framework, form and process chart. Under this process, high-risk proposals will be considered by, and subject to approval from PB. A number of minor queries were raised. It was agreed that an implementation and communication strategy was required for the rollout of the new risk-based approval processes. It was agreed that a paper on this would be presented at the meeting on 26 January.

#### **Other Matters under Discussion**

9. At the 3 November meeting the Board were invited to review the UUK guidance document on Managing Risk in Internationalisation, and to provide feedback on the QAA consultation on TNE. The University's response to this consultation was submitted on 12 November.

#### **Meetings in 2020/21**

10. Meeting dates for 2020/21 are scheduled as follows:
  - Tuesday 26 January 2021
  - Tuesday 16 March 2021
  - Tuesday 4 May 2021
  - Tuesday 6 July 2021