



Senate

Paper Title	Partnerships Board – Executive Summary
Outcome requested	Senate is asked to note the PB Executive Summary
Points for Senate members to note and further information	This paper summarises the business of Partnerships Board from 28 September 2022 to 16 November 2022.
Questions for Senate to consider	N/A
Regulatory/statutory reference points	<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>
Strategy and risk	PB's role is to assess and monitor the risks of QMUL partnership arrangements, approve partnerships as necessary and to consider relevant policies and procedures.
Reporting/consideration route for the paper	This paper is a report to Senate.
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PARTNERSHIPS BOARD

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This summary covers the Partnership Board meeting held on 16 November 2022. The next meeting of Partnerships Board will be held on 3 February 2023.

Consideration of new partnership proposals and renewals

1. Under the low-risk partnerships approval process, Faculties are responsible for considering and approving low-risk Faculty-level partnership proposals with both UK and international partners. A report of these low-risk approved proposals is then submitted to Partnerships Board for noting. During the reporting period, Partnerships Board has received notification of the following low-risk partnership proposals approved by Faculties and Professional Services.
2. Faculty of Science and Engineering
 - *None reported*
3. Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
 - *None reported*
4. Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
 - *None reported*
5. Professional Services (including Global Engagement Office and International Partnerships Office)
 - Universidad de Antioquia, Colombia
 - Nanjing Normal University, China
 - National Chengchi University, Taiwan
 - University of International Business and Economics, China
6. At the 16 November meeting, the Board received a summary of work to date on a project with several high-profile European universities to develop a collaborative Masters programme in Intellectual Property and Data Law (MIPDAL). As part of this project, Queen Mary was working with European partners on an Erasmus Mundus funded project to design the programme. Discussions were ongoing on some logistical and financial arrangements. It was expected that a final proposal would be agreed in February 2024, with the academic programme to be launched in September 2024. Further updates and agreements would be brought back to the Board as appropriate, and the academic programme would be subject to approval by Taught Programmes Board. The Board endorsed the work done so far on this collaborative project, and the expected next steps.

7. At the same meeting, the Board also received an update on developments in the partnership between CCLS and Fordham University Law School, which had originally been approved by the Board in 2018. Since then, there had been a number of changes to the nature of the original proposal, from a student exchange arrangement to a dual degree programme. This had been necessary to meet regulatory and academic expectations from both sides, and to ensure a good student experience for students from both institutions taking part. It was now felt that a mutually satisfactory model had been agreed. Further work was ongoing on some practical aspects, and the academic programme would be subject to approval Taught Programmes Board in due course. It was hoped that, if successful, this would provide a model for other partnerships with high-profile US universities. The Board endorsed the developments in this partnership.
8. At the same meeting, the Board also received proposals to renew two existing research agreements – one with the East China University of Political Science and Law (ECUPL) and one with Renmin University and Tsinghua University Law Schools. All three institutions were highly ranked within China and globally. Both agreements were with CCLS, and had been in place for five years. It was proposed to continue the existing arrangements, which had proved successful. The Board were broadly supportive, but noted the current political sensitivities in the UK around collaborations with Chinese institutions. It was acknowledged that law and political science were low-risk disciplines compared to science and technology subjects, but it was agreed that CCLS would provide more information on tangible benefits and outputs from these partnerships before their renewal could be formally approved by the Board.

Reports

9. No reports were received at the 16 November meeting.

Meetings in 2022/23

Meeting dates for 2022/23 are scheduled as follows:

- Tuesday 27 September 2022
- Wednesday 16 November 2022
- Friday 3 February 2023
- Tuesday 14 March 2023
- Tuesday 9 May 2023
- Tuesday 27 June 2023