Queen Mary
University of London

Executive summary of Senate on 15 December 2016

Outcome requested:	Council is asked to note the executive summary of the meeting of Senate held on 15 December 2016.
Executive Summary:	The summary provides Council with an update on business considered by Senate.
QMUL Strategy: strategic aim reference and sub-strategies [e.g., SA1.1]	n/a
Internal/External regulatory/statutory reference points:	n/a
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SENATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Date of Meeting: 15 December 2016

Main Items Discussed

1. **Presentation from the Vice-Principal (Public Engagement and Student Enterprise)**

   1.1 Senate members received a presentation on current projects and developments within public engagement and student enterprise from Professor Peter McOwan, Vice-Principal (Public Engagement and Student Enterprise). Members were introduced to Kimberley Freeman Executive Officer for Public Engagement and Manager, Centre for Public Engagement who had recently joined QMUL from University College London. Members were also pleased to welcome Sarah Barnes, who had recently joined QMUL from the Institute of Physics as Public Engagement Officer.

   1.2 The Centre for Public Engagement had received significant external recognition for its work, becoming the first university to be awarded the Gold level Engage Watermark from the National Co-ordinating Centre for Public Engagement (NCCPE). The award was made following an intensive evaluation of the Centre for Public Engagement's internal processes, together with interviews with QMUL's community partners. QMUL's position as a leader in the field of public engagement had resulted in a number of requests from other universities and research institutions for support and advice on the development of a strategic approach to the establishment of public engagement structures.

   1.3 Student enterprise continued to flourish with details of recent projects available on the Careers Service web pages: success stories. A Social Enterprise Festival in collaboration with City University would take place in February 2017 to increase student engagement in social enterprise, enhance employer engagement and promote enterprise support programmes across both institutions.

2. **QMUL Model**

   Senate received an oral update on the QMUL Model, together with the QMUL Model risk register. Members noted that there was a great deal of important activity underway for the launch of the QMUL Model in September 2017. Each school and institute had a designated individual working on the QMUL Model, this approach provided a network of colleagues who were able to resolve common issues and share best practice.

3. **Partnerships Ethical Policy**

3.1 Senate approved a revised Partnerships Ethical Policy. Over the past year, the Partnerships Board had discussed the need to refresh QMUL's International Partnerships Ethical Policy with the following aims:

- to place greater emphasis on the QMUL Values;
- to incorporate new legislation, such as the Modern Slavery Act;
- to remove operational details that were better set out in other documents;
- to make the policy less specifically about international partnerships, recognising that UK-based partners were also capable of presenting ethical issues.

3.2 The new Policy outlines the principles through which QMUL ensured that its educational partnerships were consistent with Queen Mary's Purpose and charitable aims, support the achievement of the QMUL Strategy and embody the QMUL Values that underpin them. It also refers to other relevant QMUL policies. The Partnerships Ethical Policy is included in the background reading for Council members.

4. **Joint Clinical Research Board Terms of Reference**

4.1 Senate approved new Terms of Reference for the Joint Clinical Research Board (JCRB), an established committee within the governance structures of QMUL and Barts Health NHS Trust. The purpose of the JCRB was to provide assurance to QMSE and to Barts Health NHS Trust Board that research was being carried out in accordance with: Trust and QMUL strategy and policy; legal and regulatory requirements; and financial regulations. Its remit would cover all clinical research at Barts Health NHS Trust and QMUL's School of Medicine and Dentistry with a particular focus on research involving human subjects and tissues.

4.2 The requirement for the JCRB had arisen following a recommendation from the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency's (MHRA) 2014 inspection of clinical trials undertaken by QMUL and Barts Health NHS Trust.

5. **Foundation Studies**

5.1 Senate received an oral update on the proposal for the establishment of a new unit to have oversight of foundation provision, discussed at the October 2016 meeting of Senate. Members were informed of the suggestion that a Foundation Studies College was proposed, along the lines of the Doctoral College, with a recommendation for the appointment of a Director of the Foundation Studies College.

5.2 Senate would continue to discuss possible models for the management of QMUL's foundation provision in order to ensure that recruitment levels and the student experience remained competitive for the future.

6. **Honorary Degrees and Fellowships of QMUL**

6.1 Senate approved for recommendation to Council the nominations of the Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Committee (HDFC) for honorary degrees in the following categories: Doctor of Sciences (DSc) and Doctor of Letters (DLitt).

6.2 Senate noted the nominations recommended to Council by the HDFC for election as Fellows of QMUL.

7.   Suspensions of Regulations

Senate considered the summary of recent requests to suspend the academic regulations for individual students. Senate monitors these requests at each meeting and agreed that, for the future, reports would be submitted to the October and March meetings. This longer reporting period would enable Senate members to monitor emerging patterns more effectively.

8.   Senate members' Handbook

Senate considered a draft handbook that had been developed to assist members in their roles. Members noted that the intention was for the handbook to be a living document, housed on QMPlus (QMUL's virtual learning environment) with additional supplementary information and regular updates on developments within the sector.

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