INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION GROUP

Introduction

The strategic goal of the University is to become a globally significant university and to achieve a top 100 position in international league tables.

Our international strategy, which is one enabler for the attainment of the overarching strategic goals, encompasses a range of activities each with their own KPIs. These activities are:

(i) To establish significant international academic (teaching and research) collaborations in strategically important geographical locations worldwide;

(ii) To increase the number and quality of international students on UG and PG programmes at LU in the UK via multiple channels (e.g. open recruitment, exchange, articulation, etc.);

(iii) To internationalise the student experience through:
   a. The provision of a Study Abroad programme
   b. The provision of summer school opportunities of different types and duration;
   c. To integrate and internationalise the student experience on campus, and to ensure equity vis-à-vis the student experience for those students studying at our international partnerships;

The University has agreed a series of policies, including targets, changes of procedure and practice with respect to (i) to (iiib), and a policy on (iiic) is under construction.

(iv) In addition the University has launched the ‘Thinking Differently Initiative’ aimed at raising profile, building networks and generating research and teaching related activity.

There is a need to ensure that all of these strands of international activity are coordinated, integrated and effectively implemented. There is no single group that has an overarching view of international activity. It is therefore proposed that the above group be established.

Terms of Reference

1. To coordinate international activity under (i)-(iv), above, ensuring that the synergies between each component part are maximised;

2. To monitor the implementation of policy and progress against KPIs for (i)-(iii) in particular, and to keep under review the policies that have been agreed;

3. To ensure that a consistent approach is taken, as far as possible, between faculties with respect to (i)-(iii);

4. To ensure that the interaction between faculties and professional services is optimised, and to innovate in the development of practice to maximise the pecuniary and non-pecuniary returns to international activity;

5. To maximise the benefits that arise from the Thinking Differently Initiative at an operational level.
Membership

PVC (International) – Chair
Provost for Colleges and Student Experience
One Associate Dean from each faculty with an interest/expertise in international activity
Director of RAID
Director of Marketing
Director of the International Office
Director of International, LUMS

It is expected that this group would meet at least twice per term.

In terms of governance it is anticipated that this group will be a working group reporting to the Vice-Chancellor and as such updates will be provided to UMAG, and UMAG may be asked to discuss proposals. The formal responsibility for approval of partnerships, and academic standards and quality arrangements will remain with the Senate and the committees with delegations in this area (Collaborative Provision Oversight Committee and Academic Standards and Quality Committee). There will, therefore, also be reports made to those bodies as necessary.

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