**Faculty of Humanities**

**Internationalisation Strategy Group meeting**

**Agenda**

Tuesday 14th April, 15:00 - 17:00

Hanson Room, Humanities Bridgeford Street building.

1. **Attendees**

* Assistant Associate Dean for Internationalisation - David Law (Chair)
* Assistant Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning – Judith Zolkiewski
* Assistant Associate Dean for PGR – Judith Aldridge
* Assistant Associate Dean for Research – Nicola Glover-Thomas

**School representatives**

* Law – Tom Gibbons
* SALC – David Law
* SEED – Kevin Ward
* SoSS – Yoram Gorlizki

**Representatives**

* Chair of USA Strategy Group - Russell Ashworth
* Representative for Brazil - Nuno Pinto
* Representative for India - Dil Sidhu
* Representative from SRID – Tanya Luff
* Faculty PSS lead for internationalisation – Jo Kaiserman
* Louise Pemberton (Minutes)

1. **Apologies for absence**

* MBS – Elaine Ferneley

1. **Consideration of Terms of Reference and membership of group and FoH Internationalisation Strategy (enclosed)**

* The purpose of the group is to define and agree the objects listed on the ToR document then consider how to take these forward.
* The role of the group is to consider how the UoM Internationalisation strategy impacts upon and relates to the Humanities strategy; The ISG will work closely with the Dean’s Advisory Group and the ADs will be charged with taking forward the strategy’s objectives through their relevant faculty function committees.

**Noted:** There was some concern over focussing on on-going portfolio review. The group must ensure that its work adds value and does not duplicate or undermine other activity across the schools.

It was also noted that successful collaborations are often those which ‘grow from the bottom up’, particularly around research collaborations and the group was keen to ensure that it played a co-ordinating/facilitating role

* The group agreed that before it sought to target possible partnerships, it needed to be clear on the tangible benefits of doing so. Relationships were constantly being developed at all levels and often do not overtly support a wider strategic agenda.

**Action:** The group agreed to be instrumental in the objective to identify possible key strategic partnerships within each of the schools. This intelligence would be fed back to the group in due course. The idea will be for the group ultimately to focus on a few key institutions. SoSS had undertaken a similar exercise which was very resource intensive.

* Russell Ashworth explained that there may be potential to explore opportunities within the EU via European funding links such as the ‘EU China programme’ and ‘EU India’. Liz Fay said that this is a complicated process and it’s important to choose the right partnerships by working on a specific project with a particular life span.
* Research Fellowships have been introduced to UoM via the Marie Curie programme.

**Action:** Liz Fay to circulate the EU documents to the group (previously sent to Collette Fagan).

* The group agreed that there should also be a focus on mobility.

**Action:** AAD to redefine **Objective 3** with what is ‘already attracting international students’ rather than making ‘more attractive to international students’.

* Tom Gibbons suggested that International student exchanges can be expensive and exchanges should only happen if there are clear gains to be made.

**Action:** Tanya Luff to feed back to the group on potential institutions to partner with, using intelligence gathered from recruitment data

**Action:** Russell Ashworth asked the group to review all the other objectives on the Strategy document and feedback comments as soon as possible.

1. **Strategic Priorities and Governance: To discuss how the objectives set out in the strategy will be met for:** 
   1. **Research**
   2. **PGR**
   3. **Teaching and Learning**
   4. **Social responsibility**

* The groups agreed that the strategic priorities will be considered at DAG once the objectives have been refined. The group agree it is critical to be clear about how each of the objectives will be met and noted that conversations would need to take place with other key offices/staff in due course (e.g. the Alumni office, Language Centre, social responsibility and so on)

1. **Enabling Goals: To discuss and agree activities to support, facilitate and underpin the objectives set out in the Internationalisation strategy:**
2. **Identification of opportunities to develop partnerships with target institutions**

* Issues around resource will need to be discussed once each function area had had time to consider the full implications of the objectives. Jo Kaiserman, for example, had been liaising with the Alumni Office regarding donor funding contributions to support international PGR student exchange and activities such as this should be fed into the work of this group.
* David Law shared the opportunity for post-graduate research for partnerships with the horizon 2020 programme.

**Immediate Actions:**

1. AAD to refine the objectives set out in the draft strategy, following feedback from the group (particularly around mobility, exchange and portfolio review);
2. Take the final version of the strategy to DAG to discuss how the agenda will be advanced by the ADs.  Resourcing activity around this agenda may also be discussed at this stage.
3. Liz Fay to circulate the EU documents to the group (previously sent to Collette Fagan).

**Longer term activities:**

1. To work with SRID to consider developing criteria that may be used when considering partnering with European/international institutions.
2. To work with SRID and the schools to begin to develop a ‘wish list’ of a small number of key/equally matched institutions (with a brief profile).  This may need to be a long list initially, to capture aspirations for each school and the specific function areas within.
3. To consider a mechanism for gathering intelligence on current and strategically important links/opportunities across schools.  SoSS and EPS have both carried out exercises around this and so should be able to offer advice on process etc.
4. **Dates of next meeting**

Tuesday 23rd June at 10:00 – 12:00, venue tbc .