

Principal's Strategy Group Meeting

8 October 2012

Amongst the items discussed were:

1. Strategy for 2013-2014 Intake Targets

The Group discussed the options and agreed the strategy for the 2013-2014 intake targets.

2. SFC Additional Funded Places Incentive Schemes

The Principal noted the recent Ministerial Letter of Guidance and Vice Principal Seckl introduced each of the new SFC Incentive Schemes. Following discussion it was agreed that:

- The University should, where possible, participate in these schemes.
- The bid for the **Widening Access** scheme will be led by Senior Vice Principal Bownes and will consider financial support, learning support and an increased emphasis on the use of contextual admissions data.
- The **Highly-Skilled Workforce** bid will be led by Vice Principal Rigby.

3. Distance Education and MOOC Progress Report

Vice Principal Haywood updated the Group on the current picture with regard to the Distance Education Initiative (DEI). There are 16 DEI funded programmes currently running representing £434,000 of new fee income for this academic year.

PSG are strongly supportive of the ambition that every School in the University should be running at least one distance education course.

Six short first year MOOC courses, two per College, are currently being developed for launch in late January 2013.

4. Estates Overview

PSG are very supportive of increased space efficiency across campus and it was agreed that an update on space efficiency matters would be sought from the Space Management Group and the Shared Academic Timetabling Group which would be considered at a future meeting along with the question of space and utility charging. In addition, at a future meeting, PSG would consider in greater depth high level Estates priorities, resource opportunities and the standardisation of internal protocol with regard to estates projects.

5. NSS Progress Report

Dr Rigby gave an update on progress with the seven strands of activity that are being undertaken in response to the University's poor results in the NSS 2012.

PSG were supportive of all activity which will be presented to CMG in greater detail later this week.