

Principal's Strategy Group Meeting 27 January 2014

Amongst the items discussed were:

1. Follow up from Senior Team Retreat

PSG considered papers on the following themes:

Learning and Teaching

Vice Principal Rigby summarised her progress with developing this theme which focusses on six key areas for development and is designed to raise Learning and Teaching at the University to a new level of excellence. The paper was very well received by PSG who offered advice. The paper will now be revised by Vice Principal Rigby and shared more widely with colleagues for their input and comment.

PGT – Global Academies, Online Learning & Internationalisation.

Vice Principal Haywood reported on progress with this theme and the Group discussed likely future initiatives including:

- Further development of deep partnering initiatives.
- Drawing Alumni further into our thinking.
- What the second phase of the Distance Education Initiative will look like.

Support for PGR recruitment

The Director of the Careers Service, Ms Shelagh Green, joined the Group to discuss how support for PGR recruitment can be enhanced by an improved and clear offer around opportunities for PGR students at Edinburgh.

The following points were made and agreed:

- The offer must be tailored to meet the different needs of the different Colleges.
- The Principal's Career Development Scholarships (PCDS) will be the blueprint for a broad based packaged "offer" that is easily accessible via the website at a point when prospective students are making decisions about where to study. The funding need not be full, as this is the norm, but the PCDS package should include a clear signal about the full range of opportunities and support available at Edinburgh.

Knowledge Exchange

Vice Principal Paul outlined the current position with respect to knowledge exchange, innovation and commercialisation. PSG are unanimous in their support for the strong activity in this area.

2. Position re Offer Making

PSG recognised and thanked admissions staff across the University who have made a huge effort to significantly improve our response time on offers this year.

3. Opportunities for International Work and Study Experience

Vice Principal Rigby summarised the paper and PSG acknowledged the challenges in this area.

The Group felt that the proposed longer term solution should be given further consideration taking into account the expertise available at School level.