The Collaborations Group (CG) was established in response to the University’s Internationalisation Strategy and followed an overarching review of our policies and procedures in relation to academic collaborations in 2006. It was established as a one-stop shop method to deal with proposed academic collaborations.

The primary function of the CG is to provide in-principle approval for collaborative proposals where there is a novel aspect – for example, collaboration with a new partner or in a new country or where there are broader strategic, policy or resource implications, and to recommend approval, or otherwise, to the Education, Policy and Strategy Committee (EdPSC) or the Research Planning and Strategy Committee (RPSC) in the case of research collaborations; Senate, and where appropriate, Court. In order to facilitate consideration, the group is consulted electronically.

The CG seeks assurances that the proposal has the full support of the College both academically and financially and that it aligns with the University Strategy and College strategic planning. In addition, the CG will look for evidence that consideration has been given at College level to the reputation of the proposed partner institution. Additional feedback on the partner institution is normally sought from External Relations in the form of information on the ranking of the institution and its standing in the field in question.

Membership

The composition of the CG is framed to take account of its strategic, academic and financial function. It consists of:

- Senior Vice Principal and Deputy Vice Chancellor
- Vice-Principal, Internationalisation (Convener)
- Vice Principal (Academic and Educational Innovation)
- Vice Principal (Research) (for PGR proposals)
- Vice Principals/Heads of College
- Chief Operating Officer and University Secretary
- Clerk of Senate
- Convener of Academic Standards Committee
- Director of Finance or nominee
- SRC President
- Chair of the Deans of Graduate Studies Committee (for PGT and PGR proposals)

A set of papers will be sent for information only to:

Relevant Vice Principal/Head of College; Director, Planning and Business Intelligence; Head of Registry; Director of Senate Office; Executive Director, External Relations; Relevant International Dean; Relevant administrative staff in School/RI and College.

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1 For more information on the University’s senior academic committees see the Senate Office website.