



Developing and Approving APL/Entry Agreements



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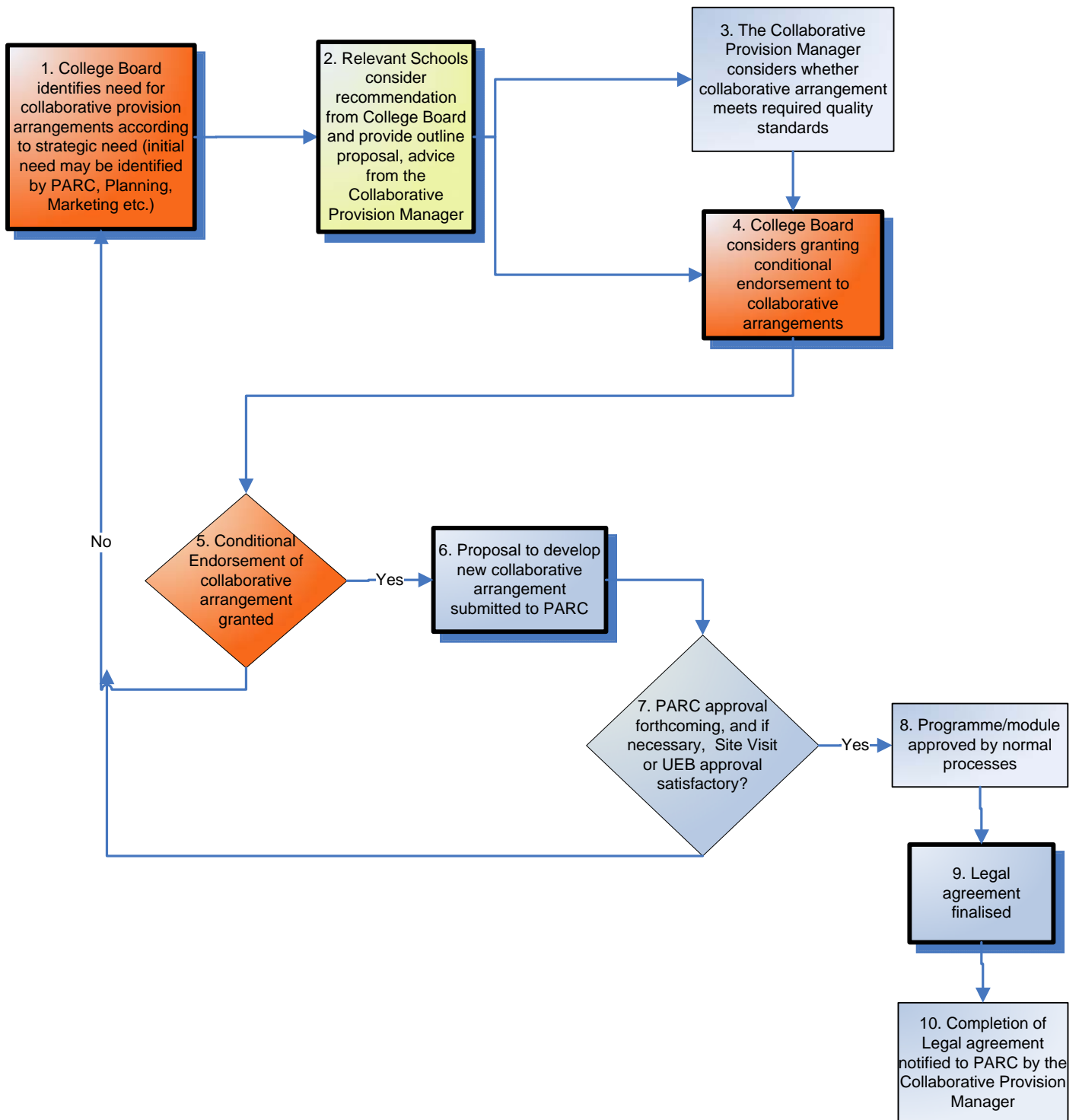
APL/Entry Agreements

- Not collaborative in sense of involving joint teaching, accreditation etc.
- Simply involve accepting students at University of Birmingham.
- Either recognise programme of study as suitable entry qualification for Birmingham programme (e.g. 1+3, 4+1).
- Or recognise part of programme of study as equivalent to part of programme at Birmingham (e.g. 2+2).

Terminological note

- Entry Agreement: agreeing to accept completed programme as suitable for entry on Birmingham programme.
- APL Agreement: agreeing to accept curriculum of portion of programme as Accredited Prior Learning for entry into second or subsequent year of Birmingham programme.

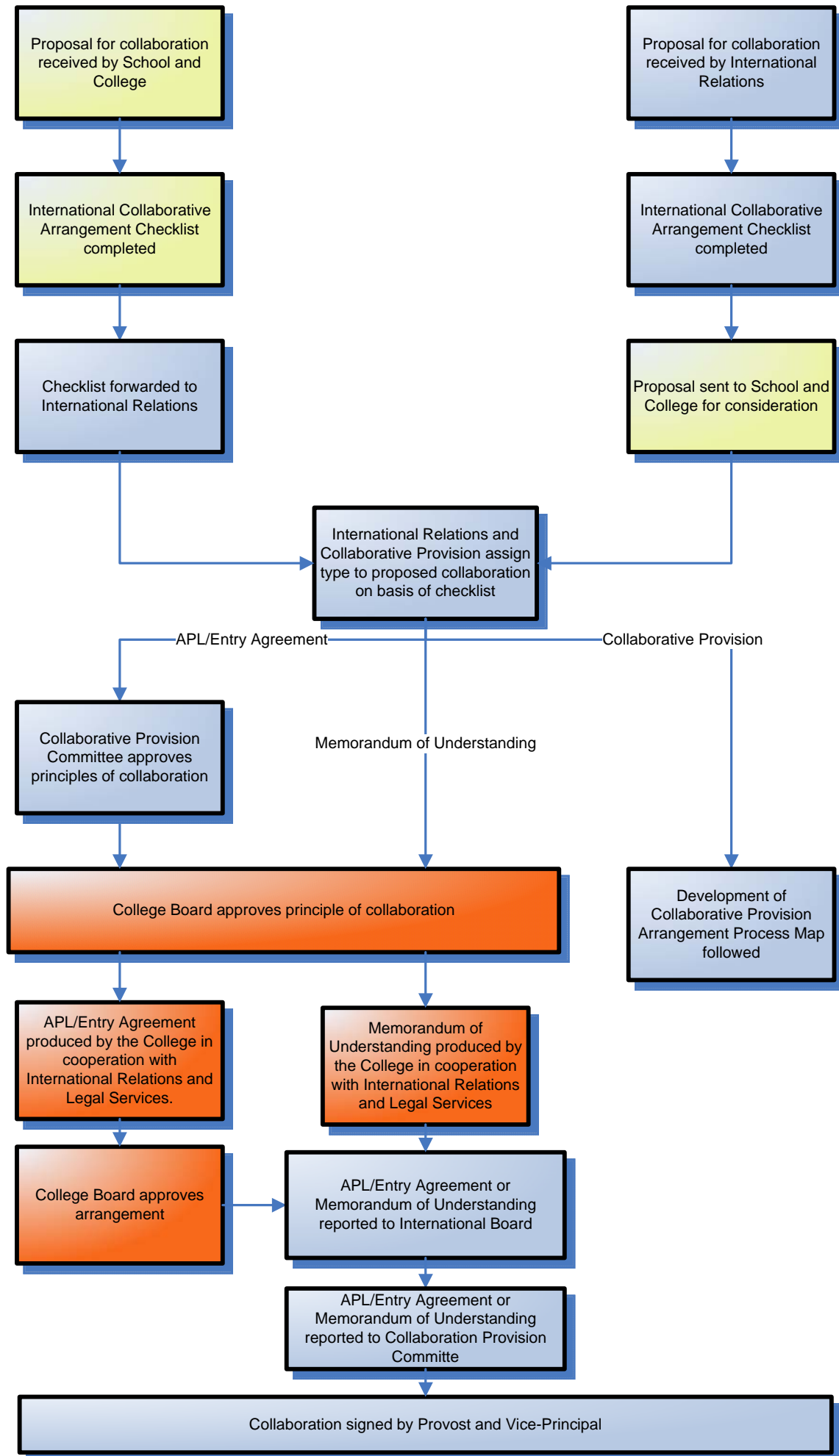
Development of Collaborative Provision Arrangement Process Map



Logic of Developing APL/Entry Agreements

- Numbers – increasing in popularity (Birmingham now has over 30), therefore difficult to manage.
- However, direct engagement less risky than collaborative provision:
- No joint teaching – only recognition of curricula.
- Quality control process was therefore that of the University as a whole.
- Assuming curricula monitored, then major risk becomes reputational through association.

Development of International Collaboration Process Map



Logic of Approval Process

- Colleges have autonomy to approve own international engagement.
- University has role of ensuring quality, including in collaborative provision.
(Collaborative Provision Committee)
- University also has authorised signatories centrally.

Developing the Agreement

- Academic led and normally academic negotiated
- Means that key academic decisions and decisions relating to finance are made at appropriate level.
- Support and templates for agreements provided centrally.
- Also ensures academic buy-in for the agreement (no interest, no agreement).

Potential for Developing Relationships

- Articulation Agreements can be about more than recruitment.
- Basis for long-term relationship – lead to joint research, exchange etc.
- Ultimately, can even lead to more Articulation Agreements.