

## Minutes from the 12<sup>th</sup> UIU meeting, December 3rd, 2015

**Participants:** Ole Friis, Mette Husum Dalstrup, Klaus Levinsen, Birgit Feldtmann, Lisbeth Pinholt, Georg Stadtmann, Fanni Lengyel (secretary)

**Absent:** Ann Højbjerg Clarke, Torben Dall Schmidt, Per Servais, Søren Askegaard, Niels Vestergaard, Torben Damgaard

	Topic	Responsible
1.	<p><b>Approval of minutes from the last meeting</b>            Minutes was approved without any comments.            Ole raised a new point on the agenda - at the end of the meeting the purpose and the members of UIU meetings should be discussed.</p>	Fanni
2.	<p><b>Internationalization</b></p> <p><b>2.1 Out-going students</b></p> <p><u>Orientation meetings for study abroad</u>  <i>Concern:</i>            The UIU members are concerned with the amount of information students are giving when deciding to go abroad. The orientation meeting is under the tasks of SDU International, and the meetings are joint for all faculties. This means the students showing up are giving information they do not need, and that their course related questions may not be answered.            Furthermore the members pointed out that these meetings are not distributed directly to the teachers which means that they do not know when and where these meetings are.            The events organized by EDU are also a concern, since these events do not have an academic focus, and the students attending these events may be misinformed.</p> <p><i>Possible solution:</i>            SDU International will keep making the orientation meetings, but it is important that there are representatives from the academic environment to answer questions related to the specific courses. This could be the academic advisors.            The question of how the students who go abroad get their information was raised by the members. As of now, we do not know how the students get their information. It was suggested that we do an evaluation of the students' experiences abroad and the process leading up to the exchange. It is important to find a solution which makes sure that the students will answers these evaluations. It was suggested to do the evaluation at the same time as the</p>	<p>SDU International and Mette will discuss the best format for these orientation meetings</p> <p>Mette will work on the evaluation concept and send this to the members of UIU.</p>



	<p>students apply for their credit transfer.</p> <p><u>Webpage for outgoing students</u>  <i>Concern:</i>  The study boards are each maintaining their own webpage for information on studyabroad. This is done very differently, which means that the students at the faculty does not have the same information on going abroad. SDU International have one common webpage in English for all 5 faculties.  The members agreed that it is important for the students to have information specific for their own education. The members also acknowledged that the students prefer to find information on the webpages for their own studyboard.</p> <p><i>Possible solution:</i>  The members are suggesting a solution where we at the faculty create one common webpage for studyabroad with information for each education at the faculty. The webpage should provide information on both studyabroad and internships abroad. The studyboard can link to this webpage from their website.  This way, all students are giving the same amount of information and it is still easy for the students to find the information directly related to their studies.</p>	<p>Mette will create the new webpage and discuss the information needed with the studyboard secretaries.</p>
	<p><b>2.2 In-coming students</b></p> <p><u>Webpages, Search engines (online portals) and fairs</u>  <i>Orientation:</i>  Mette introduced, the fact that we are not allowed to be present at the education fairs abroad as business schools. This means that we have to cooperate with the joint communication department on selecting the fairs we should attend.  On the study portals not all our programs are present - Fanni will update these portals.  Rina Høgild already informed the Head of Study on this matter.  Regarding the webpage for incoming students, Mette and Rina will look into this when the new SDU site is up and running in the new year.</p>	<p>Mette</p>
	<p><b>2.3 Partner universities</b></p> <p><u>Process for entering the agreements:</u>  <i>Concern:</i>  The way we enter the agreements with partner universities is quite different. Mette and SDU international are getting requests from teachers, students and other universities, but they lack the relevant information in order to evaluate the agreements.</p> <p><i>Possible solutions:</i>  We need a standardized way of handling the partner universities and make it visible for the faculty staff, so everyone knows the process.</p>	<p>Mette will create a suggestion for the process and send to the UIU members for comments.</p>



	<p>Mette suggested three criteria's we could use for the evaluation of universities: Practical, Academic and Strategic. It was suggested to add "attractiveness" as a criteria. UIU members agreed that the decision of entering agreements should stay at the UIU.</p> <p><u>Evaluating existing partners</u>  <i>Orientation:</i>          Some of our partners are not suited for our students do to lack of courses or practical matters.          Mette will look through our existing partners based on the criteria above and sent suggestions for termination of partners to head of studies. Suggestions for termination of partners will be presented at the next UIU meeting.</p>	
	<p><b>2.4 Double degrees</b>  <i>Concern:</i>          Lack of strategy for this area. Do we want many double degrees or just a few          Which level would we prefer to have the double degrees on?</p> <p><i>Possible solution:</i>          The members agreed to investigate further on double degrees. The members also agreed that there may not be one correct answer to the question, and the agreement of entering a double degree may depend on the university and program in question.</p>	<p>Mette will look into double degrees.</p> <p>Georg will ask a colleague in Germany about double degrees</p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Strategy process and its influence on internationalization</b>  <u>Partner agreements with departments in Sønderborg and Slagelse</u></p> <p><i>Concern:</i>          Do to the merging of departments the partner agreements with these two departments have to be moved. (22 agreements)</p> <p><i>Possible solution:</i>          The agreements will be looked through and Mette will decide where to move the agreements to.          We will inform the partner universities in question, that we have merged and therefore have to move some agreements.</p>	<p>Mette will look through the agreements and SDU International will help with the practical matters.</p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>New agreements for consideration</b>          Mette's suggestions about the possible agreements were approved.          The University of St. Galen (Switzerland) might be also interesting for political science, welfare studies. Mette will look into this opportunity.</p>	<p>Mette</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Status</b>  <u>Double degree with EBS (European Business School)</u></p> <p><u>Double degree with university of Ferrara, Italy (Environmental and resource management)</u>          We are ready to sign the contract and will start exchanging students in the Fall of 2016</p>	



	<p><u>Intensive course, Nordplus Law - Birgit</u> Elective course at the masterlevel “<i>The Criminal justice from a Scandinavian perspective</i>” Nordplus offers funds for this and it is a cooperation between us and the universities of Bergen and Stockholm. The course will be in April or September.</p> <p><u>Double degree with university of Otto Friedrich, Bamberg (Cand.merc.)</u> New opportunity – Per Servais is looking into this.</p> <p><u>Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Study-try-out (Sønderborg)</li><li>○ Welcome home (Odense)</li><li>○ Going abroad event – Erasmus (Kolding)</li></ul>	
+1	<p><b>Discussion about the purpose and the members of the UIU</b> <i>Concern:</i> Should we change the number of members in this group? Should it be a subgroup under the Education committee or should it stay on its own? Ole will bring this topic up at the education committee.</p> <p><i>Possible Solution</i> Important that each campus is represented. Maybe the departments could decide who to send to the meetings instead of deciding on a specific staff function who should attend.</p> <p>The members agreed, that the UIU should work more strategic which means that some practical matters can be decided without the UIU. We will find the old mandate for the UIU and discuss what needs to be changed.</p>	Mette will find the old mandate and look through the old agendas to see which topics have been discussed.