

UN Task force Student mobility meeting 10-11 March 2016, Brno

Agenda

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Follow-up on recurring/earlier topics

1. Confirm MoM Hull, November 2015 - confirmed
2. UN Young Researchers grant
 - a. opinion of SC on lottery?
 - b. new criteria?
 - c. statistics for SC (Rita)
3. Statistics 2014-2015 (Marleen)
4. Promotion campaign: evaluation fun fact sheet project - continue or dead?
5. Promotion tour 2016 and beyond: set new goals/request to future host
6. Anything on AGM workshop 2016? (Petra)
7. UN website TF pages, newsletter

New topics

1. Any requests or assignments from SC?
2. News on plans for TF regulations and terms after SC+chairs meeting Antwerp?
3. Anything on AGM agenda we need to consider?

Work plan 2016

1. Destination Fall meeting 2016
2. Determine to-do-list with deadlines
3. Any new (initiative) ideas?

Any other business

1. NAFSA anybody? Site Visits planned?
2. AGM Who'll be there? Mini-TF-Meeting?
3. E+ International Mobility?
4. New Faces Session at AGM

UN Young Researchers Grant

Due to the change in the fiscal year for the entire network, there will also be changes for the Young Researchers Grant. The eligibility period will change according to the new fiscal year (April 1st to March 31st). This means that the selection will also be moved to the March meeting of our Task Force.

Rita will send updated statistics to be presented at the AGM as there was a drop out and students not confirming the scholarship.

The idea of selecting scholars by a lottery system was not approved by the SC. As it is hard to come up with new selection criteria, the TF has modified the questions asked on the application form.

Rather than just have one letter of motivation, students will need to address certain points like:

- What is the added value to go to that specific destination?

- For the student
- For the home department/faculty
- For the host institution
- What are the knowledge skills to be acquired at the end of the stay?

These questions should help determine quality of an application better. Should the SC require the TF to come up with additional selection criteria or to refine the questions asked in the application, the TF will do so during the November meeting.

General Statistics

The set of data is complete with the exception of Budapest. Should questions come up at the AGM Marleen will be there to answer them.

Fun Facts

The fun facts are pronounced dead as it was impossible to collect a complete set of up to date data from all partners over a time period of more than 2 years.

Promotion Tour

The promotion tour was evaluated after taking place 3 times. The TF decided to only offer it on demand. Should a university want us to present the scholarship options available through the UN to their students and academics, the TF will be happy to comply. The TF will approach Valencia to inquire if they see a need for promotion on their campus, after this no university will be approached actively anymore. Should Valencia not be interested in a presentation, the TF will meet in Basel in November instead.

AGM Workshop

Organisation for the AGM workshop on „Intercultural Preparation of Outgoing Students - Resources for study abroad advisors and educators“ is running smoothly. There have been multiple skype meetings between Bologna and Graz and everything is set up. Petra will be in Belfast from Tuesday lunch time for any last minute preparations before and during the workshop.

UN website, Newsletter

The TF will wait to be approached for any information necessary.

Leadership meeting – Antwerp January 2016

The SC has no special tasks for the TF and seems happy with the work we've been doing so far.

New Faces Session

Petra will most likely not be able to attend it, as she is on stand-by for the AGM workshop at that time. Gerald will take over and present the TF there.

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Rectors' meeting 2017

The TF is in favor of a panel discussion of rectors as it involves them more actively in the event and might also be of more interest to them than a key note or presentations.

Attendance Conferences/AGM etc.

AGM: Gerald, Marleen, Petra, maybe Rita

NAFSA: Gerald, Petra

EAIE: Lucie, maybe Rita

Erasmus+ International Mobility

The subject was only touched briefly. Only Brno, Graz and Vilnius participate in the program. Brno does not share AM with partners as they need to organise 400 placements.

Possible change in TF structure

At the time of the Brno meeting it is uncertain whether Maarit from Helsinki will remain at the university. Should she have to leave the university and consequently our TF, there won't be an automatic replacement from Helsinki, but the TF will discuss whether to continue with 5 members or give somebody new the opportunity to join.

New Initiatives

The TF does not propose any new initiatives at this time, but remains in favor of a MAUI promotion tour idea.

To Do:

Rita: make adjustments to the YGR in terms of new call dates, new mobility dates, new selection date, new questions. Send updated statistics before the AGM

Gerald: will do the new faces session at the AGM

Marleen: Back up for Petra at AGM if any questions regarding the statistics should come up

Petra: approach Valencia about promotion tour in fall. Contact SC to see if changes to the YRG are ok with them

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