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Minutes of Meeting

Workshop 7th-11th of August 2017 at HTWK Leipzig

07th of August 2017

09:30 Arrival at HTWK Leipzig, Registration

10:00 – 10:15 Welcoming words from Prof. Klaus Hänßgen and Dr. Riyad Qashi, HTWK Leipzig. Discussions on the upcoming program

10:15 – 11:00 Presentation on the topic “European Credit Transfer System at HTWK Leipzig” delivered by Mr. Rolf Hagge. Discussions on the questions and comments:

- Dr. Ahmed Al-Salaymeh about corresponding options in the ECTS
- Dr. Wasel Ghanem on the working load for students and hours of face-to-face work and self-study
- Remarks from Prof. Klaus Hänßgen in regard to the self-study working load for students
- Comparisons between US Grade-system and the European model
- Challenges and difficulties in the ECTS
- Discussions on the role and experience of ICTS for the ICT Centers
- Comments on the academic hours (Germany: 1 academic hour = 45 min, Jordan: 1 academic hour = 50 min)

11:00 -11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:00 Presentation on the topic “Creative Common Licenses, copyright, Open Education Resources” delivered by Mr. Thomas Haubner. Discussions on the questions and comments:

- Standards in Germany
- Awareness of rights of Open Education Resources
- Practices and laws in Germany (“70 years after death of author copyright law”)
- Focus on content of the developed materials
- Creative Commons is actually an organization which provides the licenses
- Dr. Ahmed Al-Salaymeh and Dr. Wasel Ghanem arose discussions on the CCO and CCBY Licenses
- Presentation of “Photos for Class” Resource

- Discussions on NO “no editing” and NC “no commercial” licenses

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 13:10 Welcoming words from Prof. Dr. Claus Baderschneider at HfTL

13:10 – 15:00 Presentation on the topic “European Credit Transfer System at HfTL” delivered by Prof. Dr. Claus Baderschneider. Discussions on the questions and comments:

- Short film in regard to the ECTS
- Dr. Wasel Ghanem: Relation between ECTS regulations and accreditation of the courses
- Dr. Nabil Al-Joulani: differences between accreditation of HTWK and HfTL (governmental – private funds of Deutsche Telecom)
- Prof. Dr. Claus Baderschneider: Remarks regarding no PhD programs at “Hochschulen”
- Dr. Lutfi Al-Sharif: Are “Hochschulen” more oriented toward vocational training? Prof. Dr. Claus Baderschneider: Yes, they are
- Example of ECTS-Table
- Dr. Wasel Ghanem: Advantages of choosing a private university for study
- Parallels to the College-Concept in United Kingdom – comments from Dr. Abdel Karim Daragmeh
- Prof. Dr. Claus Baderschneider: 12% of the students at HfTL are from not EU countries
- Prof. Dr. Claus Baderschneider: Positive correspondence of ECTS and US Grade-System

15:00 – 16:00 Presentation on the topic “Learning Management Systems at HfTL and usage of ICT Centers” delivered by Prof. Dr. Gunnar Auth. Discussions on the questions and comments:

- Distant Learning Systems
- Research Info Systems – access to the information
- Prof. Dr. Gunnar Auth: Research Development IT cooperation with University of Leipzig
- Prof. Dr. Claus Baderschneider about Research Programs funded by the government

- Prof. Dr. Gunnar Auth: organization of the Conference “Digital Academic Summit 2017 at HfTL” – bringing together the academic communities and private companies, how technologies influence study
- Prof. Dr. Claus Baderschneider: Presentation of work with ILIAS, SABA, BigBlueButton, technical aspects

16:30-17:00 Visit to the educational center of HfTL with Prof. Dr. Claus Baderschneider

08th of August 2017

09:30 – 10:00 Presentation on the topic “HTWK Practices” delivered by Prof. Dr. Klaus Hänßgen, HTWK Leipzig. Discussions on the questions and comments:

- Applicability of ICTS at the Faculties of HTWK
- Accreditation of courses + curriculums

10:00 – 12:00 Presentation on the topic “Massive Open Online Course” delivered by Dr. Oleg Krikotov, HTWK Leipzig. Discussions on the questions and comments:

- Actual challenges in using MOOCs
- Pros and Contras of MOOCs
- Meaning and advantages of MOOCs development for regional universities.
- Dr. Wasel Ghanem confirmed, that project partners plan to develop MOOC courses together during the project lifetime.

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 - 14:00 Visit to HTWK Library by Mrs. Schiemichen. The visiting program included following points:

- Guided tour around the Library, visiting working rooms, books catalogues, printing facilities and etc.
- Description of Library services and processes.
- Presentation “Copy rights and licenses”. Participants discussed the legal rights and restrictions of intellectual property use, licensing and citation of books and articles, exchanged their experience.

14:00 – 15:00 Presentation on the topic “Accelerate Cross-University Collaboration through Connected Tools and Open Standards” delivered by Mr. Sven Morgner, CEO of company BPS. Discussions on the questions and comments:

- Presentation of IT company BPS

- Technologies and IT products developing by BPS
- Learning Management System OPAL, ONYX Testsuite, ONYX Editor, MAGMA Media Server, Blok Online report booklet, edu-sharing
- Integration of different IT tools and supplying to customers – Universities
- Future plans and prospective developments of BPS company.

15:00 – 17:00 Presentation on the topic “ECTS and E-learning at the Department of Computer Science, Mathematics and Natural Sciences” delivered by Prof. Dr. Klaus Hering, Dean of the Faculty of Computer Science, Mathematics and Natural Sciences HTWK.

Discussions on the questions and comments:

- Presentation of the Faculty
- Introduction into ECTS system
- Degree program curriculum, its structure and courses list
- Teaching – learning process: face-to-face learning, E-learning and self-study
- Types of classes, examinations and tests. Scale of grades. Diploma Supplement.
- Students exchange, ECTS credits recognition
- E-learning challenges, organizational and teaching aspects
- In conclusion, participants elaborated suggestions on use E-learning: focus on blended learning, keep the balance of Open sources and commercial software, follow standardization, cooperate with other universities, involve students into development and assessment of E-learning modules.

09th of August 2017

09:30 – 12:00 Visits to the campus of Leipzig University provided by Mrs Kamilla Skudelny.

- Examples of the seminar rooms
- E-learning facilities at the Leipzig University
- Discussions on the experience and practices of Leipzig University
- Visit to Video Room
- Digital systems of evaluation and assessment
- Examples of tests and assessment materials at the office of Mrs Kamilla Skudelny

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 16:00 Presentation on the topic “LMS at University of Leipzig” delivered by Mrs Kamilla Skudelny. Discussions on the questions and comments:

- Moodle
- Mahara
- Open Education Resources

16:00 – 16:30 Visit to the University Library “Albertina”

16:30 – 17:00 Visit to the educational center

10th of August 2017

10:00 – 10:00 Presentation on the topic “Progress in METHODS Courses” delivered by Prof. Dr. Ahmed Al-Salaymeh, the University of Jordan. Discussions on the questions and comments:

- List of courses developed: Renewable Energy Systems, Thermodynamics (I), Using Computers in Education, Social Media Course, Power Electronics, Business Intelligence, Mechatronics Systems Design. These courses have been developed for different Bachelor and Master programs.
- Courses development progress, used technologies and approaches.

10:30 – 11:00 Presentation on the topic “Challenges Notes on Implementation Courses” delivered by Prof. Dr. Lutfi Al-Sharif, the University of Jordan. Discussions on the questions and comments:

- Introduction into online system TMT (Teaching Management Tools).
- Report on competences compilation, which have been done already.
- Assessment tools development.
- Online materials development report, integration with MOODLE platform.
- Active discussions between Jordanian and Palestinian partners on assessment tools and use of multimedia materials in frames of traditional teaching.

11:00 – 11:30 Presentation on the topic “ANNU progress and sample” delivered by Prof. Dr. Abdel Karim, An-Najah National University. Discussions on the questions and comments:

- Presentation of An-Najah National University experience on project implementation.
- Questions on copy right issues for course material development.
- Courses description, study load, students’ competences and assessment tools.
- Active discussions between Jordanian and Palestinian partners on future model of teaching.

11:30 – 12:30 Presentation on the topic “Dissemination in METHODS” delivered by Prof. Dr. Klaus Hänßgen, HTWK Leipzig. Discussions on the questions and comments:

- Dissemination plan: project time scale, stakeholders, requirements and dissemination means.
- Use Grant Agreement and Erasmus+ Programme Guide. Apply for the local NEO support.
- Description of various dissemination tools: direct contacts, project web site, social media, publications, promotion materials, dissemination events.

12:30 – 16:00 Presentation on the topic “Sustainability in METHODS” delivered by Mr. Alex Dekin, HTWK Leipzig. Discussions on the questions and comments:

- Review of EU Commission comments on METHODS sustainability plan.
- Suggestions on possible ways of project sustainability: identification resources for sustainability, links between universities and employers, the up – to – date list of project stakeholders, introduction in project universities Diploma Supplement, thematic workshops to build the gap between universities and companies, bilateral agreements, network development. Participants received three developed by HTWK documents: proposal of bilateral agreement, EU comments on sustainability plan, answers on EU comments.
- Sustainability Action Plan Discussion between Jordanian and Palestinian participants. Elaboration of common approach to project sustainability plan.
- It was agreed to prepare a template for Agreements between HEIs based on materials from Dr. Ahmed Al-Salaymeh
- Dr. Ahmed Al-Salaymeh noted that the Letters of Accreditation signed by Vice Rector of the partner HEIs should be prepared by the 31.08.2017

16:00 – 16:30 Presentation on the topic “Progress in the Course Development” delivered by Dr. Nabeel Al-Joulan.

16:30 – 17:00 Discussions on the currents stages of development

11th of August 2017

09:30 – 12:30 Presentations of the courses development progress by UJ, JUST, HU and ZUJ, discussions and comments on:

- Course outline and learning objects
- Course on TMT and BZU portal
- Course development checklist as a document to be provided by the Quality Committee

12:30 – 13:00 Lunch

13:30 – 16:30 Steering Committee Meeting for partners from Jordan, Palestine and Leipzig, discussions on the:

- Proposal from Dr. Ahmed Al-Salaymeh to organize a workshop in the beginning of October 2017 at the Hashemite University including extended training on the E-learning
- Networking Final report
- The need to provide signed agreements but not just digital documents
- Stakeholder Survey
- Student's trainings in UK and EU countries and selection criteria of students
- Equipment procurement process
- External evaluation issues – each partner has to fill the required checklists
- Next newsletter
- Need to upload the corresponding financial documents on the Intranet
- Preparation to request the second pre-financing
- Next Steering Committee Meeting in Girona on the 7th-8th of September 2017

16:30 – 17:00 Closing of the Workshop at HTWK Leipzig

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM WORKSHOP



