



Annual International Steering Committee Meeting
August 10, 2018, Time: 10:00 to 17:00, Venue: Room 3, Campinas, Brazil
Internal Minutes

Participants: Steering committee members

1. Michelle Williams (WITS University, Chair)
2. Christoph Scherrer (ICDD/Kassel University, Deputy Chair)
3. Antonio Lisboa/Clair Ruppert (CUT, Deputy Chair)
4. Martina Sproll (Berlin School of Economics and Law)
5. Jeremy Anderson (ITF, GUF representative)
6. Hugo Dias (UNICAMP, replacing Anselmo dos Santos)
7. Mirko Herberg (FES)
8. Archana Prasad/Praveen Jha (JNU)
9. Mark Anner (Penn State University)
10. Bhabhali Nhaplo (Cosatu)
11. Rafael Peels (ILO Actrav)
12. Thomas Franco (AIBOC India)
13. Joachim Beerhorst (IGMetal)

Apologies:

- Cathy Feingold (AFL-CIO)
- Carolin Vollmann (DGB)

Observers and Associate fellows

14. Nicolas Pons-Vignon (WITS University, observer)
15. Stefanie Lorenzen (Berlin School of Economics and Law, observer)
16. Carlos Salas (UNICAMP, observer)
17. Ana Paula Melli (CUT, Observer)
18. Leonardo Veira (CUT, observer)
19. Elaine Hui (Penn State University, Observer)
20. Manuel Rosado (Penn State University, Observer)
21. Hansjörg Herr (Berlin School of Economics and Law, observer)
22. Simone Buckel (ICDD, Observer)
23. Antje Bracht (ICDD, Observer)
24. Uma Rani Amara (ILO Research Department, Associate fellow)
25. Ajay Kumar (GLU Alumni, observer)
26. Bilge Coban (GLU Alumni, observer)
27. David O'Connell (GLU Alumni, observer)
28. Luis Campos (Glu Alumni, observer)
29. Harald Kröck (GLU Alumni Coordinator, observer)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Michelle confirmed that only steering committee members would have the right to vote if any decisions required a vote. All observers were welcome to participate in deliberations fully, but only in case of a vote they would not have a vote.

2. Update on recent development and new challenges at the different campuses

A written report from all campuses was circulated two weeks before the meeting. All programmes are running well.

3. Steering Committee:

- **Chair, members and associate members**

It was decided in India 2017 that Christoph Scherrer would take over as chair from Michelle at the end of 2019 and Praveen Jha would be his deputy chair. Mark Anner will become Praveen's deputy in 2020 and chair in 2021. CUT has agreed to remain Trade Union Deputy Chair throughout 2019. It was agreed that the term of chair will run the calendar year (rather than from steering committee meetings). This means Michelle remains chair until the end of 2018 and Christoph will takeover chair in January 2019. The idea of co-chairing between academics and TUs was raised as possible structure.

- **Members' International Steering Committee**

The Steering Committee consists of representatives from the Trade unions and the Universities of the GLU partners, a representative of the Global Unions, the ILO and the FES; two Alumni Representatives have Observer Status. It was proposed and agreed that ILO be given two seats so that both ACTRAV and Research could be on the committee.

- **Associate GLU Membership enlarged networking**

Associate members should in one way or another be involved in GLU activities. New associates: Tandiwe Gross, Jeff Vogt and Chris Land-Kazlauskas.

4. Fund Raising-update of fund raising initiatives

Funding is one of the biggest challenges the GLU network and the various campuses face. Each campus is actively fundraising. And there are also efforts to raise funds for the network. FES remains a firm partner for many GLU activities. Other partners include ICDD, ILO (ACTRAV), GUFs, ITF, PSI, HBS, DGB, BMZ, and a new scholarship in Germany honouring Elmar Altvater.

5. GLU Conference 2019 - Germany

The date for the next year's conference was moved up due to the ILO anniversary and the semester schedule in Berlin. The conference will take place from **27th to 29th of March 2019** in Berlin.

6. GLU Summer School

The GLU/AARS Summer school will take place after the conference in Germany from 30th of March to 5th of April. The structure and content of the Summer School will be determined by Alumni at this year's alumni school.

7. Regional GLU Initiatives

- Brazil-Argentine Engage is under discussion.
- Argentina alumni workshop was a success in February 2018.
- Zimbabwe regional alumni workshop will be held 15-21 September 2019.

8. GLU Online activities

Update on MOOCs:

- About 14500 people have done courses so far;
- Some of the MOOCs were in the top 5% at iversity;
- The online academy is growing and the moving towards an online degree – still a preliminary idea so far;
- MOOCs have been translated in many languages. This is a lot of work and often the courses have to be completely redone. But it is worth the effort because it is crucial to reach a broader audience;
- Currently the MOOC on Value Chains is being brought into self-paced course. Translation will be done afterwards.

9. Cooperation with trade unions

Union expectations: GLU is a joint initiative between academia and unions and renewal of expectations is an ongoing discussion.

10. Alumni Networking

A comprehensive alumni survey was conducted by David o'Connell. The report was circulated.

11. Publications

GLU has a number of linked publishing outlets: Global Labour Column, Global Labour Journal, and GLU working papers.

12. Research cooperation

Many members of the network do joint research projects. There is also projects by GLU Alumni.

13. Miscellaneous

- a) Solidarity initiatives by the GLU
- b) GLU Steering Committee agreed to have a subcommittee write a response to The World Bank report on future of work

Meeting adjourned at 15:30.

Next meeting will be Saturday, 30 March, 2019 in Berlin.