

**ANUAL MEETING- U21 Student Mobility Network (SMN)**  
**Tecnológico de Monterrey**  
**May 24 and 25, 2012**

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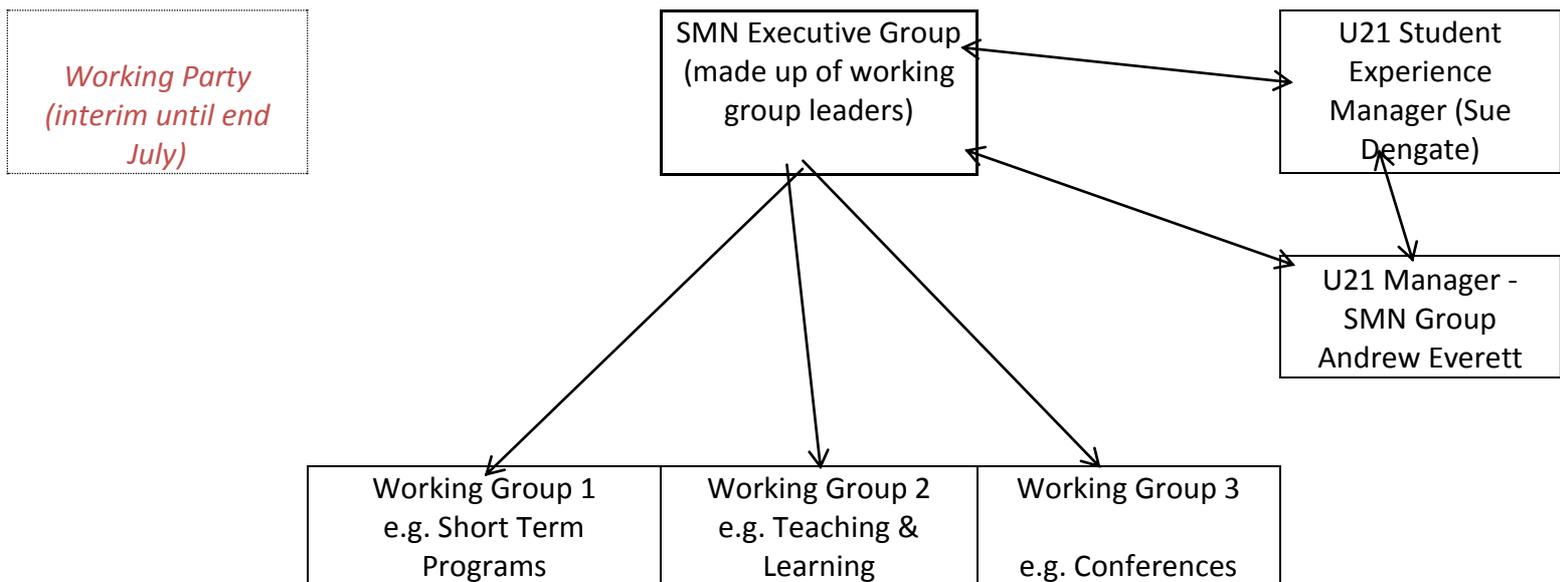
**DAY ONE (MAY 24<sup>th</sup>)**

- **ANDREW EVERETT (Queensland)**
  - Andrew explained the Delhi accord. A new steering committee will be created to strengthen the U21 activities.
  - Key priority: explore the expansion in non-traditional mobility
  - They reviewed the idea of growing in short mobility programs (With the same people in charge of international exchanges??) UQ has a division and is developing a new model for short term mobility. UCD mentions that the problems with these programs are the accreditation. Students were evaluated by the International Students Barometer Survey.
- **STAFF EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES**
  - Auckland gives scholarships for staff exchanges
  - Australia gives the Endeavor Award
  - UCD (Ruth Redahan) has a staff exchange experience with the support of Erasmus
  - This topic will be discussed at the U21 Managers Meeting (October).

**DAY TWO (MAY 25<sup>th</sup>)**

- **SUMMER SESSIONS**
  - 2012 U21 Summer School: “Shaping the global future entrepreneur” hosted by Tec de Monterrey.
    - Patricia Montaña suggested that students can pay the program upon arrival, if they have problems with bank transfers
    - The program will be in Queretaro city.
  - 2013 U21 Summer School: Human rights by UConn
    - Date July 7<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. Students will visit NGOs
    - Nominations deadline: End of February-Mid March. Two faculty members per university.
  - Andrew Everett proposed a summer school on gender studies or indigenous studies
  - Some universities (U. Birmingham, for example) put funding for their students participation on summer schools (tuition waiver, scholarships, etc).
- **OTHER TOPICS**
  - U21 in planning to increase the number of memberships up to 30. Five spots are available: one for Latin-America (maybe Brazil), one for USA, one for Europe and possibly other for South Africa. The new institutions must have a research oriented profile.

- Nigel, from Melbourne proposed to work on the group new objectives. The proposal was oriented to redefine who we are, what we want our group to be (or not to be), and if we must focus on short term or semester programs.
- The group asked: Which is the advantage of belonging to U21? Some proposals suggested that maybe we must accept all the students among our institutions, without checking balances.
- The decisions that are taken during the meetings are not developed completely, mainly because all the representatives are very busy with the everyday activities. Andrew Everett mentioned that at the Managers meetings happens the same.
- Then, the proposal is to have “working groups” based on topics and initiatives.
- The other proposal is to create an intranet among representatives, where everybody can follow up the development of the groups. Andrew Everett proposes frequent teleconferences in small groups and specific topics.
- It is proposed to work on combined programs among the universities.
- Nigel Cossar y Andrew Everett presented the possible model, we can follow:
- **Proposed structure from SMN Group Meeting:**



- An interim working party is to be formed, with roughly 5-6 members, to consider the structure and focus of our group moving forward. In considering this structure, the working party will identify a list of priority areas for the SMN group to focus on over the coming 12 months.
- Nominations for the interim working party will be due by June 30, with the group convening immediately to workshop ideas and structures – with a view to present a structure to the entire SMN group by the end of July. Once the recommendations have been agreed across our group, the working party will dissolve.
- A proposed structure for the SMN group was discussed and is above .The general idea is that once the working party has established smaller priority working groups, these groups will then convene and work together on the

given topic, with a view to present regular updates to the network, including a formal update at the annual SMN group meeting.

- These smaller working groups may have a distinct life (i.e. a project for 3 months), others may be more ongoing. In all cases the members of the working group, including the nominated leader of the group, can change. The aim is for these groups to be flexible.
- The nominated leader for each working group will form the membership of the SMG executive group, a small group that will act as the key liaison with the new Student Experience Manager, Sue Dengate, and the U21 Manager who has responsibility for the SMN group, Andrew Everett.
- These groups will be expected to form part of the Agenda at future SMN meetings, with a formal presentation/update on the status of key projects, changes to the membership of the working groups, etc.

## **SMN MEMBERS UPDATE**

**Tecnológico de Monterrey:** Official new structure of 4 entities: Tecnológico de Monterrey University, TecMilenio University, Virtual University, Medical research centers.

**Hong Kong:** Housing

**Waseda:** Earthquake, recovering, Tokyo is very safe (no problem, transport, etc). Addressed rumors of Japanese students' alleged reluctance to study abroad, not the case at Waseda, 2000+ ss in previous years. U21 undergrad research conference 49 student participants, Waseda short-term programs, 3 weeks, 6 weeks, intensive, supported by federal govt (ministry of education), about to change to a quarter system.

**PUC Chile:** New Director, Fernando.alvarado@uc.cl, lots of new programs, new things, such as a focus on key partners, many exchange agreements, less than 50% are active. Scholarships for U21 members, very much want to receive ss. Architecture is limited with spots, no more than 25 int'l students per semester, trying to benefit key partners. Explore other things, such as short programs, but limited by semester length. Short term might have to be Jan/ Feb.

**NUS:** Uni level: NUS college ready next year, 2014 academic year, on average 1,500 students/year; 1,700 purely on exchange, possible housing shortages. Quality experience: more and more student activities run by ss. NUS students who have returned from exchange and are peer advisors 8-16hrs/wk, welcome party upon arrival, sport events, dragon boats, cultural events, a lot of student involvement in the process, (clinics).

**Connecticut:** staff changes, new programs, short-term U21 Program, a separate program for U21 students.

**Melbourne:** online pre-departure, available to all students, clinical placements, short term, mandated and compulsory, looking to embed learning outcomes assessments, and a re-entry survey, Global Issues Program.

**Edinburgh:** Sandra Morris retiring in June, regrets for not attending, College of Art amalgamated with University, hasn't opened up courses to uni-wide partners, may change, but has not. Looking to create an online application form (in the process), next Sept. students have used the system, buddy session for all 450 incoming students (if they wish). Well adapted and well received.

**UCD:** Hugh Brady, U21 President, Alex Metcalfe Interim Director of International Affairs, new U21 manager, U21 officer, U21 meeting on Sept 10 prior to EAIE conference, partner day on Sept 11, revamping website in Aug. Will include U21 section, online application system (moving on), UCD opening a China campus in Beijing Sept 2012 with dual degree programs.

**Glasgow:** staffing changes, interim director, U21 manager, was moving to online application, cradle to grave system "not entirely successful, traumatic" but is up and running, will be launching online admissions, Oracle, PeopleSoft, My Campus.

**UNSW:** New Pro Vice Chancellor, two new senior staff members, Summer Down Under program, classes with local students, fee-based, no discounts, streamed online application process even further, no hard copies required.

**Amsterdam:** imbalanced in/out, promotion is helpful, new U21 manager, policy advisor of int'l strategy for academic affairs, Int'l office still strong, new staff member for exchange, info and communication, online application and administration, new website to launch, working on outgoing student selection systems, U21 front-- less apps for undergrad. research program, summer school just one application (severe cuts to stipend, Willeke to focus on summer programs, esp. in economics, business, and science. new system of airport pickup and buddy system.

**Lund:** new restructure, external relations, student mobility officers and strategic networks and alumni, "very positive", new strategic plan (handed out yesterday), "make the most of U21" awareness campaign. Involved Secretary General, reporting on projects running at Lund, with ss. presentations, "raised awareness", 13 staff going out to visit U21 unis (usually for month) going to 9 unis, U21 summer housing grant, AGM: suggested to create a U21 student union, Lund would like to offer to be the first to 'host' this, (not a new idea, but a revival of an old idea). Workshop in digital humanities in Dec., along with health sciences (virtual nursing), would like to increase staff mobility, would like to involve staff in summer school planning activities, GIP: 30 active students, would like more members, 'fantastic program', mostly online courses, parallel with studies, would like to take more exchange courses.

**NUS:** U21 teaching and learning network (8/9 Sept.), looking to open online summer program application. They are interested in online summer programs.

**Auckland:** staffing changes, new online application for outgoing, 47% increase in applications, 31% increase in actual students outgoing, new search function, live, but not fully launched, students can select courses, language, region, country, and will get a list of partners providing those parameters, course descriptions, dates, scholarships, country info, etc. all there, "magical" as it has reduced time officers have spent with students, also helps with staffing changes as when a new person comes in, the info does not leave with the outgoing person, happy to benchmark and share, developed in-house, paid university technical services.

**Queensland:** New VC, some restructuring, created a new division of student affairs, outbound exchange and U21 managed by Office of Undergraduate Education (OUE), numbers growing 12% for outbound, new faculty advisor role, international study experience coordinator, new website, perhaps in August, new ambassador program (volunteer).

**Birmingham:** January, online module catalog, re-doing website, taking part-year students on exchange and study abroad, getting more departments to send students out, staffing changes, dedicated person to manage incoming. They have staff exchange programs.

**Nottingham:** New African office (Ghana), new office in Delhi, not focused on ss recruitment, more focused on partnerships, a lot of scholarships for summer school programs in Malaysia.

**Shanghai Jiao Tong:** 4 main divisions related to int'l student exchange programs, one division works to maintain relationships with int'l partners, summer students who join summer school with school of int'l students, outgoing students apply to international cooperation office, 25 schools who also keep the right to run their own international programs, new calendar, three semesters, some summer courses available in English (reg. courses)., planning to open regular academic summer school, but still being designed, perhaps next year.

**Korea:** They have new Vice President for International Affairs. They began the construction of their new housing building. 40% of course are taught in English. The International Summer Campus is giving scholarships to U21 members.