

Minutes of Global Labour University Annual Council 2006

At the first annual council meeting of the Global Labour University (GLU) the Network decided to formalise their cooperation that started in 2003. Representatives of the founding organisations discussed the progress report concerning the activities since 2002, adopted the statute of the GLU, elected a steering committee and decided about the forthcoming activities of the GLU.

1. Founding Members

Global Unions, National Trade Unions, Universities, International Organisations and NGOs founded the Global Labour University Network. A number of additional organisations associated themselves with the GLU Network, but could not attend the Council meeting.

2. Progress report

The Progress report was presented and adopted.

3. Statute

The Statute was discussed and adopted.

4. Steering Committee

The following members were elected as members of the Steering Committee.

Name	Institutions
Robert Harris	Global Unions
Frank Hoffer	International Labour Organisation
Neva Makgetla	COSATU / Naledi
Horst Mund	Friedrich Ebert Stiftung
Christoph Scherrer	University of Kassel
Edward Webster	University of the Witwatersrand
N.N.	University of Campinas
N.N.	CUT / Observatorio Social
N.N.	DGB / DGB Bildungswerk

The University of Campinas and the CUT Brazil will nominate two members for the Steering committee in September 2006. The German DGB will nominate a representative after its Congress in Mai 2006 (04.-08.).

5. Future Activities

- The third course of the Masters Programme on Labour Politics and Globalisation will start in Kassel/Berlin in September 2006.
- The University of the Witwatersrand will start a Masters Programme on Labour and Development in January 2007.

- The University of Campinas will in Cooperation with the German Universities offer the opportunity to study one term of the Masters Programme on Labour Policies and Globalisation in Brazil.
- The Global Unions will play an active part in the programme by offering internships and provide guest lectures. The project partners will try to coordinate this participation as early as possible.
- From the 12-14th of September 2006 the University of Campinas will host a workshop on curriculum development and discussions on GLU working papers that will contribute to a common body of readings for the students of the GLU programmes.
- The University of the Witwatersrand will host the 2007 GLU Conference and annual GLU council meeting. The conference will most likely be organised end of March 2007. The broad theme of the topic will be labour and development. A number of global union federations expressed the strong interest that one focus of the conference should be on the development-trade-labour relationship. A draft "Call for Papers" will be circulated by the University of the Witwatersrand as soon as possible.