***Minutes of Meeting of GJU Networks Logistics and Management & Accounting, Nürtingen, September 24th and 25th, 2018***

Venue: Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Umwelt Nürtingen-Geislingen, Neckarsteige 6, 72622 Nürtingen, Germany

Participants:

* Prof. Dr. Rainer Lehmann (representing Network Head Prof. Rüdiger Lohmann) TH Lübeck
* Prof. Dr. Michael Huth (HOLM contact) Department of Business, Logistics and Supply Chain Management at Hochschule Fulda
* Adrienne Stickel, International Office, HS Fulda
* Prof. Dr. Peter Haller, HS Fulda
* Prof. Dr. Lars Gaiser, HS Heilbronn
* Prof. Dr. Ulrich Bauer, HS Kempten
* Lorenia Garcia-Bauer, Duale HS Ravensburg/Friedrichshafen
* Prof. Dr. Dirk Funck, HfWU Nürtingen-Geislingen
* Jutta Schnell, HfWU Nürtingen-Geislingen
* Michele Renye, HfWU Nürtingen-Geislingen
* Claudia Mai-Peter, HfWU Nürtingen-Geislingen
* Prof. Dr. Claudia Stachel, HfWU Nürtingen-Geislingen
* Prof. Dr. Iris Ramme HfWU Nürtingen-Geislingen
* Azmi Nawayseh, Alumni HfWU Nürtingen-Geislingen & GJU
* Prof. Dr. Sebastian Herr, HS Worms
* Dr. Bassam Maali, Vice Dean SMLS, Accounting, GJU
* Dr. lsmail Abushaikha, Logistics & Exchange Coordinator, GJU
* Dr. Metri Mdanat, Professor for Management & Exchange Coordinator, GJU
* Luai Abu Rajab, International Accounting & Exchange Coordinator, GJU
* Stefanie Kirsch, Network Coordinator International Office, GJU
* Temporarily: Prof. Dr. Jan Voßwinkel, Prof. Dr. Marc Ringel, Prof. Dr. Reinhold Bopp

Martina Hart, Gisela Zimmermann, Andrea Heißler-Keinath, Diana Lewinsky (HfWU).

**Monday, 24th September 2018, 09:00 – 17:30** At first company visit at Mercedes-Benz Stuttgart: Guided tour by Harald Kienzle through all VAN workshops and presentation by two former GJU interns Ms. Jessica Hassan and Ms. Zain Qasrawi who are now working for Mercedes Benz VAN/EV Stuttgart.

Afterwards beginning of Network meeting at HfWU Nürtingen-Geislingen:

1. Welcome by the president Prof. Dr. Andreas Frey (HfWU) and Vice president for International Affairs Prof. Dr. Iris Ramme (HfWU)
2. Introduction of the participants
3. Presentation of the agenda of the Network meeting (see attached presentations)

Discussion about B1 language skills and Code of Conduct: HfWU implemented CoC with GJU in order to guarantee the standards in language, attendance, rules of final exams and resignments, risk of failure. Students should be informed in advance only to travel during summer term in order to avoid absences. The CoC oblige GJU students to take introductory course at their host university. It was suggested that at GJU they should be offered courses during their preparation seminars in a set of 4 courses: 1) Language course 2) Special course (Fachkurs) 3) Soft skill course (for internship, working in Germany) 4) Intercultural skill course (including a bit of German history). Concluding that the interpersonal experience in Germany is most important for GJU students.

HfWU offered SMLS students to do their Master or MBA studies in Nürtingen as courses are taught in English. Prof. Bauer (HS Kempten) suggested to copy intercultural trainings from industry seminars or DAAD as they are very helpful. He also offered to held a PPP during the next network meeting on that.

1. Presentation of GJU and School of Management, Logistic, Accounting by Dr. Luai Abu Rajab, GJU **(PPP attached)**
2. Presentation of Bachelor BWL at HfWU by Prof. Dr. Dirk Funck, HfWU **(PPP attached)**

Comparing the curricula and credit hours of HfWU and GJU Bachelor Business Administration.

1. Presentation of MA Program and Dual Studies by Dr. Bassam Maali and Dr. Ismail Abushaika, GJU **(PPP attached)**

The new Master program Logistics Management offers the possibility of joint supervision if GJU as of regulation has the lead. Two professors from HfWU Prof. Funck are interested as well as Prof. Lehmann from TH Lübeck. The Dual studies program is funded by GIZ.

Dr. Bassam mentioned that incoming students can be added to join SMLS lectures even if they are fully booked.

1. Presentation of Dual Bachelor Program: International Logistics Management by Prof. Sebastian Herr, HS Worms **(PPP attached)**
2. Discussion with GJU students. Students fault that the preparation at GJU for the German Year focuses more on language than on intercultural learning. It was more helpful to get a deeper introduction on how to life in Germany. In addition students should always take the opportunity to attend the orientation week and language course offered for free at their German host universities.

**Tuesday, 25th September 2018, 9:00 - 12:30**

1. Flying Faculty presentations by Prof. Jan Vosswinkel, HfWU and Prof. Peter Haller, HS Fulda

Prof. Jan Vosswinkel, HfWU did a presentation about the classes he taught and the cities he visited during his stay in Jordan. Prof. Peter Haller had a very short presentation mainly as recommendations for the education system in Germany.

1. Erasmus Plus: There is an Erasmus office in Jordan. More Erasmus mobility is required. Joint applications with German partner universities will be discussed during the next network meeting. Dr. Metri offered a one-semester sabbatical professorship at his Department for Marketing at GJU.

Azmi Nawayseh as an alumni of GJU and HfWU is willing to join and offer support in more Alumni activities of GJU in Germany and Jordan. Regular round tables could be organized together with the project office at HS Magdeburg-Stendal.

1. Presentation by Prof. Dirk Funck on his MESIL project **(PPP attached)**

The joint project of Nürtingen-Geislingen University NGU and GJU (SMLS and School of Architecture and Built Environment - SABE) is a interdisciplinary collaboration between both Universities to encourage academic and cultural dialogue between students and young academics. The focus of this initiative is on the development of innovative approaches to higher education. These are strongly connected to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the UN. It is the aspiration of the MESIL as a combination of online-seminars and project work on the ground (Intensive Programme > IP) to finally have an impact on defined local challenges. These IP should take place in Jordan from 21st to 30th of June and vice versa in Nürtingen in autumn 2019. To cover the costs we applied for the DAAD-Programme “Higher Education Dialogue with the Muslim World”. Contact person: Prof. Dr. Dirk Funck, NGU, dirk.funck@hfwu.de

1. New HOLM project in Jordan: Prof. Huth introduced JOINOLOG the new research project of HOLM, GJU funded by BMBF who will be launched in November 2018 at King Hussein Business Park Amman. Aqaba Logistics Village (ALV) is one of the partners in the JOINOLOG project. ALV is a private public partnership of six partners from Hessia and Jordan. HOLM includes 22 partnering companies and universities in Germany.

The **next network meeting** will be held at **Technische Hochschule Lübeck on 25.-26. September 2019**.