

OBSERVATORY

MAGNA CHARTA UNIVERSITATUM



Fundamental and Institutional Values in Practice

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Observatory

MCU first signed 1988

Currently 805 Universities have signed

85 countries represented

– but European base

- not evenly spread

Plans to modernise the Magna Charta Universitatum
by 2020



Context of Workshop

Observatory's strategic plan adopted 2016

- Make the Observatory more global
- Increase the number of signatories
- Engage more closely with signatories
- Enhance monitoring and advisory capacity
- Research how values can lead to greater impact
- Focus on staff and students with regard to values
- More emphasis on 'pro-active' than 're-active'

Enhancing the value of values



Fundamental Values

‘Fundamental values’ are defined as those set out in the Magna Charta Universitatum (MCU)

The text, in 49 languages can be seen at

<http://www.magna-charta.org/magna-charta-universitatum>



Summary of MCU Values

- the university is an autonomous institution;
- the research and teaching must be morally and intellectually independent of all political authority and economic power;
- teaching and research must be inseparable; there must be openness with freedom for staff and students with concomitant responsibility to society.)



‘Fundamental and Institutional’ values

- Fundamental Values = MCU
- Institutional Values = those articulated by institutions around the globe as part of an institution’s strategic planning process, which guide the strategy and behaviour of an institution in achieving that strategy.
- Values are contextual
- Local differences to be understood in a global context



Impetus for considering values

- Challenges – City Values and GCU and other cases
- Start- up – British University in Dubai case
- The challenge in between
 - Values articulated as part of a strategic plan
 - Keeping principles to the fore and
 - Putting them into practice and
 - Reviewing the extent to which we have been successful



Workshop Objectives

- to identify and explore ways in which fundamental and an institution's own corporate values are being put into practice in universities
- to learn about the impact of values in one or more other sectors and how this is achieved
- to assist participants to develop their own practice and
- to produce and publish resources, possibly a tool-kit for the benefit of other universities including MCO signatories.



Resources available

- You
 - 15 + different countries
 - Senior and diverse experience
- Speakers
 - From Higher Education sector
 - From other sectors
- Pre-workshop survey
- Bibliography
- Publications and other organisations



How we will work

- Inputs
- Group sessions
- Formal and Informal
- Dinner
- Follow-up



Workshop Groups

- Governance and organisational matters *Emeritus Professor John Davies – MCO Ambassador*
- Curriculum matters
Professor Lesley-Jane Eales-Reynolds
- Research matters
Professor Agneta Bladh - MCO Vice-President
- Student matters
David Lock – MCO Secretary General
- Staff matters
Professor Caroline Parker GCU Mgr. CGU Values Project



Questions