Fundamental and Institutional Values in Practice

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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’ 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