

BFUG6 1b
9 May 2005

MEETING OF THE BOLOGNA FOLLOW-UP GROUP

BERGEN, 18 MAY 2005

The meeting will be held at the Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration (Norges Handelshøyskole). Bus departure from Hotel Norge at 12.00, lunch will be served at 12.30, the meeting starts at 13.30 and is expected to end not later than 16.30.

Draft Annotated Agenda

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Documents: BFUG6 1a Draft agenda 9 May 05
BFUG6 1b Draft annotated agenda 9 May 05 (this document)

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BFUG AND BOARD MEETINGS

Document: BFUG5 Minutes of the BFUG meeting 12-13 April 05
BFUG5 List of participants 12-13 April 05
BFUGB8 Minutes of the BFUG Board meeting 26 April 05

Proposed action: Approval of the minutes of the BFUG meeting on 12-13 April 05.

3. THE BERGEN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

Document: A final programme will be made available.

Information by the Vice Chair.

Proposed action: For information and comment.

4. THE BERGEN COMMUNIQUÉ

Document: Communiqué as agreed upon by the BFUG, 13 April 2005

The Secretariat has been informed by the Swedish delegation that they will propose to delete “*including in appropriate posts within the public service*” from para 6, as that formulation could be interpreted as a regulation where there is no regulation in Sweden.

The Secretariat has been informed by the French Speaking Community of Belgium that they will propose to delete “*(including the possibility of shorter higher education linked to the first cycle)*” from para 7, their argument being the following:
“The Bologna declaration states very clearly that the first cycle should have a minimum duration of at least 3 years. All the countries members of the Bologna Process have agreed, when signing the Declaration, that this would be considered as one of the main principle of the EHEA. The internal specificities of each country should not affect that principle which must, for transparency and attractiveness purposes, stay as clear as possible. It does not affect the possibility for a country to include inside that first cycle, or to link to it, any subdivision or shorter degree if needed be. But, to keep the message of Bologna as clear and as strong as possible, it should not be written in the Communiqué.”

Proposed action: Possible BFUG proposals for adjustments in the Communiqué.

5. OTHER BFUG DOCUMENTS FOR THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

Documents: General Report “From Berlin to Bergen”
Bologna Process Stocktaking Report
BFUGB8 5 final The EHEA beyond 2010

The General Report and the document on the EHEA beyond 2010 was sent out 3 May. The Stocktaking Report is available at <http://www.bologna-bergen2005.no/b/hind.htm> with the other documents for the Bergen Ministerial Conference. The General Report and the Stocktaking Report will be made public on 19 May 00.00 hrs.

Proposed action: For information and comment.

6. FROM BERGEN TO LONDON

Document: None

The intention of the incoming UK Chair and Secretariat is to present a draft Work Programme for the coming period at October meeting of the BFUG. The Board may give input to the planning process in its meeting on 15 June.

Proposed action: For information and comments.

7. ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Document: BFUG6 7 Election of new Board members

In accordance with the decision of the BFUG meeting on 12-13 April, election of Board members for the period June 2005 - July 2006 shall be done at the BFUG meeting 18 May. Candidatures should be presented at the meeting.

Proposed action: Election of Board members for the period 2005-2007.

8. DATE AND PLACE FOR THE NEXT BFUG MEETING

Document: BFUGB7 Invitation from the UK

The next BFUG meeting will be held on 12-13 October in Manchester.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS