Internationalization at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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The Opening of the Hebrew University in 1925
International From The Outset
Hebrew University Founders

Chaim Nachman Bialik
Martin Buber
Albert Einstein
Sigmund Freud
Chaim Weizmann
Recognize How International You Are: HUJI International from its Start

At the faculty member level:
✓ International education
✓ Sabbaticals abroad
✓ Participation in International Research Projects
✓ Participation in Intl. Conferences
✓ Publications in Intl. Journals
✓ Winners of Intl. Prizes
At the department/faculty level:
✓ Academic Agreements
✓ Student Exchange Agreements
✓ Intl. conferences/workshops
✓ Hosting Intl. Visiting Researchers/Teaching Staff
✓ Hosting International Students
✓ Academic Programs offering Intl. Degree Programs
At the University level:
✓ The Rothberg International School
✓ The Authority for Research and Development
✓ The Division for Public Relations and Development
✓ The Division for Marketing and Communication
✓ The Office of the Academic Secretary (MoUs and exchange agreements)
✓ The Office of the Rector (online teaching)
✓ Sabbaticals and Travel Funds
But Something has Changed...

At the University level:
✓ Globalization
✓ Bologna Process
✓ Participation in TEMPUS, Erasmus Mundus
✓ Going international = making profits?
✓ Global University Rankings
✓ Establishment of International Office (Nov. 2013)
Established in November 2013

Located: Mount Scopus, at the Office of the Rector.

Team:
Academic Head: Prof. Oron Shagrir, Vice Rector for International Affairs
Jane Turner, Head International Office
Limor Levy, Coordinator for Visiting Researchers
Liat Gabai, Coordinator for Outgoing Students
Ayala Feinmesser-Mizrachi, Coordinator for Incoming Students and Office Coordinator
Shachar Kessler, Student Coordinator for China

Website: http://international.huji.ac.il/
Current Activity of the International Office

✓ Student and Faculty Exchange Programs
✓ Promotion of Global Partnerships
✓ Internationalization Strategy
✓ Promotion of International Degree and Non Degree Programs
✓ Practical Support for International Post Docs and Visitors
✓ International Rankings
Centralized International Office

Advantages:

✓ High level leadership support
✓ Proximity to decision makers and academic committees
✓ Bird Eye’s View

Challenges:

✓ Access to knowledge of international activity in units
✓ Distance from academic activity
✓ Geographical distance (6 campii)
Source: EAIE barometer 2014
Process of Development of Internationalization Strategy

**Top Down**
**Step 1:**
- Establishment of small steering committee
- Frequent meetings on a variety of topics and working groups
- Final Consensus Meeting: Setting top down goals

**Bottom Up**
**Step 2:**
- Presentation of top down goals to faculties (one on one)
- Request for input from faculties on top down goals, including individual priorities
- Compilation of faculty goals
Current State of Play

Step 1: Top Down Priorities - Completed

Strategic Institutional Priorities

1. Increase of Outgoing Student Mobility
2. Promotion of International Degree Programs
3. Promotion of Strategic Institutional Partnerships
4. Compatibility of Infrastructure
Step 2: Bottom-up Priorities

✓ Final stage of collection and compilation of input from faculties based on the top down institutional priorities.

✓ Input is very individual and varies in content.

Transition to implementation – FALL – WINTER 2017
Impact of Internationalization

Internationalization:
A Means to Excellence

International Community
University
Department
Individual

International Office June 2017
Thank you AND

KEEP CALM
AND CHOOSE
INTERNATIONAL