



International Coalition of YMCA Universities

Terms of Reference

Preamble

The International Coalition of YMCA Universities is a network of universities, colleges and professional training institutes belonging to or connected with various national YMCA movements. They are institutions of higher education that provide training to prepare professionals in various fields relevant to the work of YMCA movements. The first meeting of the Coalition took place through the initiative of the International Group of the YMCA of the USA in New Orleans in July 2001. The formal establishment of the Coalition took place on 18/19 November 2001 in Porto Alegre, Brazil where the "Porto Alegre Agreement" was signed.

The founding members are:

College of Physical Education of Sorocaba YMCA, Sorocaba, Brazil
CVJM-Kolleg, Kassel, Germany
Instituto Universitario ACJ, Montevideo, Uruguay
Instituto Universitario YMCA "Lope Mendoza", Caracas, Venezuela
Springfield College, Springfield, MA, USA
YMCA of the USA
YMCA Universidad Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico

The co-founding members are:

YMCA India
YMCA England
YMCA Hong Kong



Mission Statement

The International Coalition of YMCA Universities brings together universities, colleges and professional training institutes belonging to or connected with YMCA movements in order to promote excellence by offering relevant educational programs. It facilitates fellowship, international networking and quality standards for developing leadership that strengthens the movement and the community-at-large.

Objectives

The major goals and purposes of the coalition are as follows:

- To establish a framework for academic cooperation
- To give expression to the common values and humane principles and practices
- To develop a common profile of high educational standards
- To offer a platform for exchange of information and experiences in academic programmes
- To establish a communication network
- To promote exchange programmes among coalition members
- To network with other educational institutions and organizations

Membership and Criteria for Membership

Every university, college or professional training institute admitted to the Coalition will be considered an active member. The steering committee of the Coalition will evaluate applications for membership and put forward recommendations to the Coalition for consideration based on the following criteria:

- accept and comply with the mission statement and the terms of reference
- comply with quality standards
- have at least one graduating class
- belong to or be connected with the YMCA Movement at area, national, regional or local level
- provide training at post secondary level



Structure and governance

The annual meeting is the supreme decision taking body of the coalition. Every member organization has one vote.

The participants of a meeting appoint a coordinator and a steering committee for three years according to the principle of regional balance .

Meetings

The annual meeting is hosted in rotation among the members and held on the host campus as far as possible.

Finances

As far as possible the meetings are financed by the host. The participant members cover their travel costs.

If a project requires funding, the annual meeting determines the member contributions or explores alternative funding.

Amendments

Any changes to this document can only be made by the members with a majority of two-thirds of the total membership at the annual meeting.

Meeting June 6-7, 2006, Springfield College, Springfield, MA, USA

Supplements:

- Quality Standards of YMCA Universities (adoption still pending)
- Profile of a YMCA Secretary/Manager
- Porto Alegre Agreement
- List of Meetings held