



Orientation Meeting for International Students

This year's orientation meeting for international students organized by the hosting and advising services in partnership with the international incoming services marks the return of face to face classes. After a long period of online and hybrid activities, the office of International Affairs prepared a set of activities to introduce the university for a group of eager students from different parts of the world. They had the opportunity to understand the format of the Portuguese as an Additional Language class and to meet their international buddies who will guide and support them during their stay at our university.



The Consul General of Ireland visits UFMG

The Consul General of Ireland Mr. Eoin Bennis, Deputy Consul General Ms. Rachel Fitzpatrick and Fabiano Lino Public Outreach Officer visit UFMG to discuss ongoing and future projects involving Irish institutions and UFMG. During their visit, they had the opportunity to discuss with UFMG's president professor Sandra Goulart de Almeida and professor Aziz Tuffi Saliba UFMG's Dean for International Affairs, mobility programs for students and professors, in particular, the program Erasmus + and other possibilities for mutual cooperation. The group met the coordinators of the project: Ulysses 100 Through Brazilian Eyes Competition at UFMG, professors Marcel de Lima - Faculdade de Letras and Christiana Quady - Escola de Belas Artes. They were joined by two researchers in Irish studies concentrating on James Joyce: Raquel Simões and Júlia Almeida. The

meeting was very fruitful paving the way for further initiatives regarding the establishment and consolidation of research groups on Irish studies.



University of Technology Sydney- UTS

Our institution received the visit of representatives from the University of Technology Sydney. Sr. Iain Watt (Deputy Vice-Chancellor) and Sr. Innes Ireland (Deputy Director, Global Engagement). Their visit included CT- Vacinas and BH- TEC. CT-Vacinas is a biotechnology research center, the result of an important partnership established between UFMG, the René Rachou Institute of the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz-Minas). BH-TEC is an agent of technological development and scientific-technological business connections. In this context, it develops innovative strategies and mechanisms in the provision of services in management, networking, and access to finance It also houses companies that are dedicated to investigating and producing new technologies and public and private R&D centers. The delegation also met UFMG's president Professor Sandra Goulart de Almeida and Professor Aziz Tuffi Saliba, UFMG's Dean for International Affairs. During the meeting, they discussed areas of collaboration and investments in research taking into consideration the potential of each institution.



UFMG's President's reappointment

On April 8th, Professor Sandra Regina Goulart Almeida was reappointed as president of the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG) for four years. On the same occasion, Professor Sandra reappointed Professor Alessandro Fernandes Moreira as vice-president. Representatives from the government, state authorities, and presidents from other institutions including UFMG's international partners joined our community wishing the rectorate and its members a prosperous administration. In her speech, Professor Sandra mentioned the difficulties faced during the pandemic explaining that, in other countries, the partnership between universities, science and technology is responsible for economic and social change. Therefore, long term investments in these areas are essential for a more prosperous and equanimous society. She is aware of UFMG's role and the impact the institution has in the public sphere. She also pointed out achievements during the pandemic like the creation of an institutional committee against Covid-19, the production of testings, the development of technology and materials and a body of simultaneous research suggesting alternatives for immunizing. Our social responsibility has not been neglected and different initiatives were put in place to support vulnerable communities, mental health, human rights and access to reliable information. Inclusiveness and excellence were also main concerns and the university designed a plan for remote learning investing in equipment and training for its students and academic staff. The future ahead is still unsettling: global warming, the destruction of our ecosystem and the scarcity of natural resources are frightening, but according to Professor Sandra only the knowledge produced in the universities can mitigate their effects. She concludes by reaffirming her unconditional commitment to public education of excellence for all. We look forward to the next four years under her leadership.



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