UniTrento and the University of Cincinnati agree to strengthen collaboration

A delegation of the American university visited Trento to renew the collaboration agreement signed in 2018. The meetings highlighted the similarities and the many research areas that the two universities have in common, and provided inputs to strengthen the mobility of students and scholars.

Trento, 8 June 2022 – Research, international mobility and programs of study: these are some of the directions that the collaboration between UniTrento and the University of Cincinnati can take. A delegation of the American university is in Trento in these days to strengthen and renew the terms of the collaboration that started in 2018.

As relations with British universities cooled down, UniTrento is looking for opportunities with English speaking institutions on the other side of the pond, and the University of Cincinnati – a state university founded in 1819 with over 46,000 students and 414 programs of study – proved to be an ideal partner.

The two universities in fact have already reaped the benefits of their partnership. It started with a double degree program that gives law students the opportunity to earn a Masters of Laws by spending two semesters at the College of Law of the University of Cincinnati with discounted tuition fees. Students opting for this course can take the bar exam and, therefore, potentially, can practice law in a number of US States. The collaboration then continued with another double degree that involves the departments of Industrial engineering and Civil, environmental and mechanical engineering: in this case (discounted tuition fees are part of the agreement), students can obtain the US qualification of “Master of Engineering” and join an internship program at one of the many companies partnering with the University of Cincinnati. This program gives students the opportunity to explore the world of work of the United States.

A framework agreement is also in place between the two universities for students and staff mobility from the departments of Economics and Management, Law, Sociology and Social Research, Humanities and Philosophy, Industrial Engineering, Civil, environmental and mechanical engineering, Information Engineering and Computer Science, Mathematics, Psychology and Cognitive Science. In addition to this, in 2021 the University of Cincinnati organized several online events that were attended by students and alumni of the University of Trento: the Global Back to Business Virtual Short Course, for graduates with a minimum five-year work experience but no formal business training; and the Global Perspectives on Public Health Virtual Course, for undergraduate students in their final year of study who are considering a career in the public health sector. The University also organized a series of short conferences for a vast international audience on the pandemic and its implications for research, which were also open to UniTrento teaching staff.

The delegation of the University of Cincinnati that visited UniTrento was led by Rector Valerio Ferme, of Italian ancestry, with the Vice rector for international relations Raj Mehta, the head...
of strategic partnerships Jenni Kim Sutmoller, the assistant dean and delegate for international relations of the College of Law, Nora Burke Wagner, the dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, John Weidner, and the head of Global Engagement at the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Oxana Prokhorova. The Cincinnati delegation was welcomed by Rector Flavio Deflorian and by the Vice rector for international relations, Maurizio Marchese, with the head of the International Relations Division, Grazia Callovini.

The group was offered a tour of the different departments of the University and met with the directors and contact persons of the programs involved in the collaboration. The meetings highlighted the similarities and the many research areas that the two universities have in common, and provided inputs to strengthen the mobility of students and scholars.

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