RIT/Malmö University Partnership

OVERVIEW AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION
Overview

- Partnership Background
- Malmö University
- City of Malmö
- Activities to Date/Planned Activities
- Next Steps
Partnership Background

- Initiated in April 2010
  - Professor Magnus Johansson visit to RIT
- MOU with CLA signed by Provost Haefner – April 2010
- RIT visit to Malmö – October 2010
  - Former Dean Robert Ulin, Jamie Winebrake, Christine Kray, Tim Engstrom, Ann Howard
- Malmö Faculty and Dean visit RIT – April 2011
  - Dean Hans Lundquist and five faculty from the Faculty of Culture and Society
- Formal decision to pursue partnership
- Fall Semester 2012 – Timothy Engström visiting professor at Malmö University
March 2012 – COLA Honors Students visit to Malmö University and Lund University

September 2012 – Ann Howard and Dennis Andrejko visit Malmö to further explore collaboration opportunities

November 2012 – Associate Provost Jim Meyers visit to Malmö University to meet with administrators and faculty, Faculty of Culture and Society

Spring 2013 – Provost Haefner proposed visit to Malmö to execute university-to-university agreement
Malmö University

- Founded in 1998
- Currently more than 25,000 students, undergraduates and graduates
- 100 programs; several offered in English (undergraduate and graduate)
- Undergraduate degrees - 3 years
- Graduate degrees - 1 or 2 years
- Fall semester – September to mid-January
- Spring Semester – Mid-January to June
Malmö University Organization

- Faculty of Culture and Society
- Faculty of Health and Society
- Faculty of Education and Society
- Faculty of Odontology
- School of Technology
Bachelors Degrees in English – 3 years

- English Studies
- European Studies
- Human Rights
- International Relations
- International Migration and Ethnic Relations
- Peace and Conflict Studies
Master’s Degrees in English – 1 Year

- Global Political Studies
- International Migration and Ethnic Studies
- Leadership for Sustainability
- Communication for Development
- Computer Science
- Interaction Design
- Sustainable Urban Management
Master’s Degrees in English – 2 Years

- International Migration and Ethnic Studies
- Media Software Design/Computer Science
- Public Health
- Biomedical Methods and Technology
- Interaction Design
• A design-led research center for collaborative media
• Work is built on co-production: academic researchers work together with companies, organizations, institutions and individuals.

VISION:
• “...internationally leading environment when it comes to co-production and the development of new forms of knowledge and new innovation models within the field of new media. Focus is put on the development of theories as well as products, services and productions. The environment shall also contribute to the development of a more general co-production competence within Malmö University.”
MEDEA’s current focus areas:

- Collaborative Media *and* the Internet of Things (e.g. Arduino)
- Collaborative Media *and* Sustainability, with a focus on Social and Environmental Sustainability (e.g. Living Lab the Neighbourhood)
- Collaborative Media *and* Cultural Production (e.g. Living Lab the Stage)
Research at Malmö University
Guest Researchers/Research Collaborations

- http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=RC2RUzRT1ro
The City of Malmö

- 300,000 inhabitants
- 30% of the city’s inhabitants were born abroad – 170 different nationalities
- 48% under 35 years of age
The City of Malmö

- Malmö directly connected to Copenhagen by the Öresund Bridge
City of Malmö

History – founded in 1275 as part of Denmark

Industrial City – 1840s (ship building/textiles)
Malmö – the Post-Industrial City

Industrial decline - shipyards closed in 1980s

Malmö University – 1998

Öresund Bridge – opened 2000

Transition to a “city of knowledge”
Malmö – the Sustainable City

• “Best in the World” for sustainable urban development by 2020

• Focus on climate change (become CO2 neutral by 2030)
  ○ Renewable energy (entire city by 2010)
  ○ Reduce car traffic
  ○ Open space – parks, natural areas (biophilic city)
Malmö - Sustainable Neighborhoods

Western Harbor

Augustenborg
Malmö - Sustainable Neighborhoods

Rosengård
- Primarily an immigrant community
- 40% unemployment
- Buildings are vestiges of Sweden’s Million Programme – 1960s/70s
- Focus is physical changes with dialogue with residents
- Better infrastructure connecting other parts of Malmö
- Jobs/workforce development
Institute for Sustainable Urban Development

- Partnership between city and university
- Link between researchers and practitioners
- Deals with sustainability in its broadest sense: ecological, economical, social and cultural issues
Partnership Planning

- Application for faculty exchange grant (STINT)
  - 3-year grant program to support short term faculty visits
  - Focus is enhanced learning/teaching and research
  - Application draws on similarities between Malmö University and RIT as well as city of Malmö and city of Rochester

- International Symposium on Sustainable Urban Development and the Post-Industrial City (Fall 2013?)

- International Sister Cities

- Collaboration on research – social sustainability and social capital
Ideas for Further Collaboration

- RIT Architecture program – student exchanges
- International Center for Sustainable Urban Development (RIT/MAH)
Ideas for Further Collaboration

- New media/digital humanities
- Sustainability and Governance
- Health Sciences – biomedical technology