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Minutes of extraordinary SAMU meeting on September 12, 2023

Participants: Working environment committee representatives: Ulla Øland (deputy chairman), Jiri Srba and management representative: Rene Rydhof Hansen. Employee representatives: Lene Even, Nina Hermansen, Henning Pohl, Andres Masegosa. Management representatives: Peter Axel Nielsen, Helle Westmark.

Minute taker: Diana Plejdrup Frank (DPF).

Item 1. Information about the process on the Aalborg East campus

Appendix in FirstAgenda: Email from the Dean (English), HSU document (Danish), questions from the B-side

At an extraordinary meeting on 12 September, the Faculty Consultation Committee (HSU) and the Cooperation Committees at the Department of Computer Science (CS) and the Department of Electronic Systems (ES) are informed of the decision currently under consideration. A decision to physically combine CS and ES in Aalborg in the Fredrik Bajers Vej 7 (FRB7) area (buildings A, B, C, D and E), as announced in email from the Dean on September 5 to all CS and ES staff.

The intended decision is based on a thorough analysis in collaboration with Campus Service (CAS) and the two heads of department. The analysis shows that by physically locating both departments in the FRB7 area, we can provide the financial basis for a functional and energy renovation of the buildings. The decision entails terminating the lease on Selma Lagerlöfs Vej except for the top floor of Selma Lagerlöfs Vej 312 (antenna lab.). CS is expected to move into newly renovated space in 2027. At the same time, a new TECH lab is scheduled to be inaugurated. The remaining space in the FRB7 complex will be renovated until 2029 when ES moves to its final location.

Aim of this meeting

- The aim today is to discuss and gather input from SAMU to the Dean, who will make a final decision after this and communicate the next steps and further involvement of the departments.

Presentation by Peter Axel Nielsen

Peter Axel Nielsen presented the previous plan of Campus East. The CS goal is to save rent which is 27 million in the CS budget for 2023. The Dean and Faculty share the same goal. So far, we have discussed this in management meetings and CAS has been in charge of calculations of nine different scenarios, which is now boiled down to two scenarios.

- Scenario B: Has been analyzed in detail: We stay here at Cassiopeia, but we are destined to move out of NOVI9 as students complain as the building is not built for students. We like and favor this building, but we have challenges with using the building/square meters to the full potential as it is not originally designed for university purpose. Economy: CS saves for 2.1 million and the faculty 2.8 million.
- Scenario A: We move to FB7 (E, D, Top floor of C building), and maybe also A building depending on student numbers. We cancel rent of SL300 and NOVI9. This is the decision favored by the Dean. FB7 is functional for our needs for both staff and students as it is built for university purpose. We know that this scenario can work. Economy: Basically, a total saving of 8.4 million for the faculty (hereof 5.6 million for CS).
- Net m2 prognosis 2027: A calculation has been made together with CAS. Basically, we need: 5.214 net square meters in 2027. In the model student areas, group rooms, offices etc. are included.

The B-side of SAMU have compiled a number of questions from staff:

Questions from the B-side:

1. Has there been done a calculation of how many offices of which sizes we get after the move and whether this is sufficient for the current staff plus students? Can we see the calculations and see some more detailed plan?
 - Answer: The calculation is not based on "one to one offices" but on net square meters. FB7 will be completely refurbished. We can decide on room square meters between 12-18 square meters. So, we are confident that we can fit into the space. There is no detailed plan as such as it is 4 years ahead in the future. We know that student numbers will go down. As for the earlier prognosis in 2019 when there was a discussion of whether we should move to FB7 or stay here at Cassiopeia, we could not fit in but the area we were offered at that time was smaller. There will be a larger renovation and yes, there will be an involvement process.
2. Will there be a space for the CS lab, demonstrators, soldering facilities? Can these facilities be possibly shared with ES? What about meeting rooms?
 - Answer: We can fit into what we are offered. Our current CS lab is more or less empty. But we would like to have something in the new ES lab (demonstrator room etc.). So, we will join forces with ES on that.
3. Will the renovation be completely finished before we move to our new premises?
 - Answer: Yes, it will be completely done when we move there. If there are delays, we will wait with the moving.



4. What will be the policy for office spaces after the move? Will associate/assist professors still have their own offices? Or is there a plan for large shared offices?
 - Answer: There are no change of plans for now. The plan is to replicate what we have and this is easier to do in FB7 due to the design of the building/offices.
5. Our current canteen area is working as meeting place, Friday's bar and place for social activities. Will there be something similar (and large enough) at Frederik Bajers Vej?
 - Answer: We do not know this fully. But we expect that we will find space for both students and e.g., for staff (for coffee in the groups). There will be a group of people here at CS that participating in the planning of this.
6. Are the predicted savings after the move going to materialize? Who will pay for the renovation, the move and the finishing/adaptation costs, returning our current building to its initial stage? Is there a clear plan of the costs and what will be our final savings?
 - There is no catch. Meaning no extra cost to renovation. This also includes bringing this building back to where it was. The financing comes from some saving funds from the Danish Building and Property Agency (Bygningsstyrelsen). So, we will save the 8 million at the Faculty.
7. What will be the options for car parking at the new location?
 - Parking is already a challenge now, but it will be an open discussion with CAS.

Any other questions/comments?

- Any news on the G and F buildings? They will be taken down as there are on "municipality land".
- Auditoriums: Any plans on new ones? There are no specific plans. The current challenge with our own seminar rooms which are not used due to larger courses will be put in the detailed plans for FB7.
- An earlier involvement from SAMU in the decision-making process would have been preferred. When it is relevant it is good to involve SAMU. We expect the future planning group at CS to involve SAMU in the coming process.