

Minutes of Meeting in the Department Council 2015-01

Date: Wednesday March 25, 13.00-15.00

Location: SL300 rum 0.2.15

Present: Jonas Sand Madsen (JSM), Morten Fjelsted Baagøe (MFB), Helle Schroll (HeS), Henriette Frahm (HeF), Kurt Nørmark (KN), Jiri Srba (JSr), Benjamin Bjerre Krogh (BBK), Kristian G. Olesen (KGO)

Absent w/ apology: Mette Kaufmann Andersen (MKA), Jesper Kjeldskov (JKj), Peter Dolog (PD), Mads Christian Olesen (MCO),

Absent wo/apology: Kristoffer Mæng Nielsen (KMN),

Agenda:

1. Approval of agenda
2. Welcome to new student representatives
3. Messages and short news
4. Short status on economy
5. Rooms
6. Any other business

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Ad 1. Approval of agenda

Manfred Jäger is replacing Peter Dolog in spring 2015, where PD is stationed in Barcelona.

Ad 2. Welcome to new student representatives.

Jonas Sand Madsen, SW4 and Morten Fjelsted Baagøe, SW8. Mikkel Bonde is on leave and Kristoffer Mæng Nielsen is substitute member for the remaining period. KGO summarized the tasks of the Department council.

The tasks are listed in the disciplinary measures § 25:

1. Approval of a strategy plan for the department, following recommendation from the Head of Department and within the framework of the strategy established at main area level,
2. Discussing and recommending the budget of the department to the Head of Department, including matters relating to the allocation of job positions,
3. Quality assurance and quality development of the study environment
4. Discussing the distribution of rooms
5. Discussing and recommending principles for the composition of expert committees for the assessment of applicants for academic positions.

KGO encouraged the students to bring issues up for discussion.

Ad 3. Messages and short news:

The accreditation process is rolling. Hanne Kathrine Krogstrup has resigned as dean, but will finish the accreditation process. Rector has stated that the necessary means are allocated. The process is primarily driven by Schools and Study boards. Audit trails will be announced by July 10 at the latest.

The strategy plan: themes and light houses in research. The department has sent proposals for the working committee.

Positions: we have received 38 applications for the associate professor position and 32 for the assistant professor position. The final number of positions is to be set within each category.

Applicants on kvote 2: vaguely deviant for DAT and INF, but slightly increasing for SW, BaIT and IxD.

Ad 4. Short status on economy

2013 ended with a deficit at 4.3 mio kr vs. a budgeted deficit at 2.4 mio kr.

2014 ended with a deficit at 2.6 mio kr vs. a budgeted deficit at 3 mio. kr.

The budget is in balance in 2015

Accounts for 2015 after the first two months: budget is followed in every aspect. Material about a new internal funding model is sent to hearing.

Based on the current models, the department has revenue in coming for the next years to come.

Ad 5. Rooms

In autumn 2015, we expect between 50 and 114 more students at Cassiopeia, which is why we have requested to retrieve the ground floor of cluster 3. This will impose increased costs for the department in the autumn, while the income derived from higher student numbers will be released later. It is noted that more students are dissatisfied with the room situation.

Question about whether we can use from our savings. As the department has been requested to have a balanced budget in 2015, using our savings will not be an option. In the beginning of 2015, the department's savings is 13.6 mio kr.

The committee discussed whether it would be possible to work out a long term plan for distribution of rooms and efficient utilization of the available square meters. Flex space, lager student groups, no rooms for groups at specific semesters. A good booking system is a prerequisite for flexible rooms and it is also important to take noise and acoustics into consideration.

Alternative teaching methods should be considered; meaning working with pedagogical changes such as changing the timing of semesters, open teaching space, a more vibrant and cross-disciplinary environment. The list of ideas from last years' summer meeting should be revived and a committee should look into both short- and long term solutions. Jonas and Morten are willing to participate along with interested members of staff.

Ad 6. Any other business
Nothing