

Minutes of Department Council Meeting 2017

Time: Wednesday November 22, 2017 at 13.00-15.00

Place: SLV300 room 0.2.15

Members of IR

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Agenda:

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Messages and short news
3. Status on budget 2018
4. Status on future location
5. Meeting plan for 2018
6. Other business

Minutes:

1) Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

2) Messages and short news

Institution accreditation

The accreditation is actual ongoing in these minutes as we speak, and rumors says a bit of nervousness is present in both Aalborg and Copenhagen. Worries were not met so it seems a bit more positive than expected.

New rules of holidays

Applicable from January 1, 2018 the University Board has decided to implement new AAU rules regarding execution and administration of the holidays. The new rules are much like how the department has been carrying out the holiday area in practice for the past 4 years.

See more here <http://www.aauhaandbog.aau.dk/faces/viewDocument/11046/en> and here <http://www.aauhaandbog.aau.dk/faces/viewDocument/11079>

However, a consequence to this new practice is that the head will be instructed (ordered) by the dean to notify (varsle) the special holidays accordingly to the rules in force. This practically means that the head cannot decide whether the special holidays could be paid as salary or transferred to the coming holiday year.

January 1, 2018 the head therefore will notify the 5 days (or remaining special holidays) to be held before the end of April 2018. If it is possible for some of you to have all or some of the days during December 2017 please feel free to do so.

The head will inform of this in an email at a later point.

Renewal of the corps of censors

It is mainly censors from the corps of censors in Computer Science that the department uses as this is mentioned in all study regulations of the educations. It may be ok that a few scientific personnel is listed on the Engineering Educations censor corps but this is not essential for the department to be functional.

Christmas luncheon

The Christmas Luncheon of this year is happening December 8, 2017. There will be entertainment and traditional Danish Christmas courses.

External meeting

The external meeting will be held in Løgstør January 3- 4, 2018. The dean and the pro deans will visit us, and a guest speaker Professor Jan Damsgaard, will give a talk block chains among other issues. A program is being worked on at the time being.

Graduation Friday 30th June

The graduation will take place Friday June 30, 2017. As from this year the arrangement has been decentralized and a group of students would like to arrange for it all. Maybe the graduation can be held in more rounds so fx. the formal part may be held in the auditorium and the informal part in the area of the canteen and you may take a stroll down the hallways and see the study rooms in which the students has spent their last 5 years of study.

Cleaning of the premises

More and more employees are having complaints of the level of cleaning service. KGO believes that we should take each single case up with the Alliance+. More of the employees are really unsatisfied with the cleaning level now and are start to consider working at home. Cleaning complaining issues should be sent to head of Division in Facility Service Mary L. Christensen mch@adm.aau.dk.

Facility supporters

The facility supporter's office will be closed down as from January 1, 2018. Office hours' will be initiated every day 12.00-13.00 though.

After having approached the Facility Services we are told that we should expect the same service as today. The challenge is that we actually do not know which expectations we actually could have today.

The study board has also been asked to handle these issues in the study environment.

We are spending a lot of time discussing all our supporting services as these things are not working satisfactory anymore. The council asks the head to bring on the issues.

3) Status on budget 2018

New economy model next year

The faculty's new budget model for 2018 is suspended, and the Rector's new model will have effect from 2019. The income for 2017 is carried on into 2018 with no regards to the rising activity of the department.

Same income in 2018 as in 2017

We still need to await the right STÅ-prognosis as a great uncertainty was discovered. Which affect this will have for the department is yet to be seen.

Regarding the TECH departments:

PLAN has their economy under control now, which is really good. Good work of the PLAN people. The Medialogy has reduced activity due to restricted admission and are closing educations in Esbjerg.

In general the erratic quality of signals regarding the institutional budget (economy) is very confusing. We have planned rationally to avoid the economic flows at the department though.

Positions

Seven plus one new positions budgeted.

Reduced expenses

As the SICT, research school contribution is not in the budget (app. 2,3 mkr). our costs is reduced

Challenge: Burn rate for external grants

We really need to activate our external means this coming year.

4) Status on future location

The new satellite i FRB7A

The premises are not suitable for students (it is the old bookstore at FrB7A) and Ulla had to move the students to other locations.

Current expectations to NOVI9

The premises will not be finished at the time of next semester. A fourth satellite will be offered probably FrB7, G.

Current expectations to FRB7E

Again there is vagueness regarding the decision of moving the Computer science department to Frb7E in the spring 2018. The SUND faculty stopped the process due to a heavily rise in the cost of their moving to the Regions Hospital premises.

It is essential for the department to go through with the moving as the study environment and welfare in general is suffering already. This ought to be more important than economical regards. TECH knows of our challenges but it seems impossible to get a clear view of what is happening when.

5) Meeting plan for the council 2018

21. March

23. May

3. October

21. November

6) Other business

No issues