



MINUTES

16. DECEMBER 2022

Forum PhD Committee meeting no. four for 2022

Meeting date 16th December 2022 at 13:00 – 15:00

Location Bülowssvej 17, room A126

Secretary Lærke Sadolin

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Attendees:

Representatives of the scientific staff (attending): David B. Collinge (PLEN/chair of the PhD Committee), Brian Møller Andersen (NBI), Henriette Steiner (IGN), Morten Arendt Rasmussen (FOOD), Stergios Piligkos (CHEM)

Representatives of the scientific staff (apologies): Christian Gamborg (IFRO), Niels Martin Møller (MATH), Nikos Hatzakis (CHEM/deputy), Karen Laurance Mertinez (CHEM/deputy), Jan Sølberg (IND/deputy), Henriette Pilegaard (BIO/deputy), Anders Priemé (BIO/deputy), Fernando Geu-Flores (PLEN/deputy), Barbara Ann Halkier (PLEN/deputy)

Representatives of the PhD students (attending): Gregor Lützenburg (IGN/ vice chair of the PhD Committee), Ane Elise Schrøder (SNM/deputy), Boris Bolvig Kjær (MATH/deputy), Teresa Klara Pfau (NBI), Kasper Hede Nielsen (NBI/deputy), Jonas Niemann (IND/deputy)

Representatives of the PhD students (apologies): Cecilie Cold (NBI), Lea Ellen Matthiessen (NEXS), Nikolaj Theodor Thams (MATH), Nanna Weise Havshøi (PLEN), Lærke Godsk Jensbye (IFRO/deputy), Jesper Dahl Jensen (CHEM/deputy), Pia Beck Tonnesen (IND/deputy) Mengqi Liu (PLEN/deputy), Sofie Stilling (IGN/deputy), Gabriele D'Oria (FOOD/deputy), Marie Højmark Fischer (BIO), Nena

Batenburg (MATH), Pietro Mendonca de Satis Sica (PLEN/deputy), Courtney Horn Herms (PLEN/deputy), Thea Kristensen (PLEN/deputy)

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Guests (attending): Lise Arleth (FS), Lærke Sadolin (FS), Ingelise Lundgaard (FS), Else-Marie Baun (FS), Tim Hubbard (FS), Nikola Nedic (FS), Line Gren (FS), Iben Treebak (FS), Josefine Madsen (FS), Stine Mosekjær (FS)

Minutes

Ad. 1 Welcome and presentation of agenda

David welcomed and presented the agenda. The representatives of the Committee, guests and observers were registered.

Ad. 2 Minutes from the meeting 28th September 2022

The minutes from the PhD Committee meeting on 28th September 2022 were approved by e-mail on 21st November 2022. There were no additions.

Ad. 3 Change of the scientific environment

COSE B

Iben Treebak presented the COSE B concept. Overall, the Committee found the COSE B concept very interesting and supported the idea of fertilizing more research stays outside academia (presentation attached).

COSE C

Josefine Madsen and Frederik Nygaard presented the content and the plan of implementation of the COSE C model and asked for the Committees input to the draft (presentation attached). Overall, the Committee supported the structure of the COSE C program and suggested that the program is promoted as a positive add-on to the rest of the PhD program. PhD students already contact SCIENCE Innovation Hub to enquire about assistance with business ideas and potential commercialization aspects of their research topic. Innovation is not exclusive to PhDs who wants to work in industry, but adds competencies and new dimensions to the PhD project. The Committee also suggested that all students in this program are assigned with a mentor from a company and that aligning expectations and matchmaking is a focus. Similarly the Committee was positive on the proposed cohort based structure, where the social and cross disciplinary dimension is essential.

Ad. 4 Status of the vision project

Lise Arleth presented the recent steps in the PhD vision project (presentation attached). Lise raised a discussion of the PhD Committee's role and suggested that the Committee should deal with the more strategic questions (rather than being

responsible for some aspects of routine implementation). It was decided to discuss the focus of the Committee's work for the next year at the Committee's next meeting.

Ad. 5 Results of the election

A student from IGN's presentation area is still to be elected (see list of the elected members attached).

Ad. 6 PhD planner improvements

Stine Mosekjær presented a list of challenges the users of the PhD planner meet and solicited the Committee for questions and comments. The PhD planner will be updated this summer. Several improvements have already been decided. It was clear that no changes will be made in the interim. Also, it is a known fact that the system meets criticism and changes are needed. But whether it should be improved or replaced with a different system is a management decision lying at the central KU administrative level. However, it is possible to add more SCIENCE related queries and adjustments, which will be processed in the future. For any problems encountered with PhD, planner Stine Mosekjær can be contacted directly on e-mail: PHD-planner-support@science.ku.dk.

Ad. 7 Follow up from last meeting

At the following meetings the themes of the PhD Committees work should be decided.

Documents on the 3+5 PhD student scheme is in working process and will be uploaded at the webside when ready.

Ad. 8 Comments from the 'Akademisk medbestemmelse' hearing 'academic co-participation'

It was decided to discuss this theme on an upcoming meeting. The document will be sent out with the minutes.

Ad 9 Guidelines for justification of Assessment Committee members

Else-Marie Baun from FS informed briefly. The PhD Committee had no comments.

Ad. 10 Implementation of new KU regulations

Tim Hubbard explained that the revision of the university rules was received in October 2022 and based on these changes, the Faculty rules have also been revised. The Committee has the opportunity to comment on the changes and the Committee decided to discuss two topics at an upcoming meeting:

- 1) The PhD coordinators role (Henriette will prepare a specific proposal for change)
- 2) Who can be a main supervisor? (The new rules will make it difficult to allow a tenure track assistant professor to have the main supervisor role)

Ad. 11 Meetings planned for 2023

The scheduled meeting dates for 2023 were approved:

1. Wednesday 8 March 13-15
2. Wednesday 31 May 13-15
3. Wednesday 13 September 13-15
4. Wednesday 13 December 13-15

Ad. 12 Revision of the Standard Rules of procedure of PhD Committees at KU 2022

The PhD Committee had no comments to the proposal of setting. It was requested to change the name of the PhD Committee to the PhD Board to reflect that role in relation to other boards at faculty level.

Ad. 13 Information

The Committee was informed about the new solution for the PhD courses.

Ad. 14 AOB

It has been decided to replace Frontplanner with another – as yet – unknown system. The PhD Committee found it very important to choose a system where external students have access to see the courses for the purpose of planning their studies. This makes it difficult to use Absalon in its current form.

The chair needs to be elected among the VIP representatives and a vice chair is to be elected among the student representatives. Anyone who wants to stand for election shall inform Lærke Sadolin. For any other suggestions for the agenda for next meeting also inform Lærke.

It was mentioned that Lise Arleth will tell more about the Vision project on the next meeting and there will be an open brainstorming session of what the PhD Committee wants to work with the next year.

David thanked the retiring members for their contribution.