



28. SEPTEMBER 2022

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Forum PhD Committee meeting no. two for 2022

Meeting date 28th September 2022 at 13:00 – 15:00

Location Bülowsvej 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), Niels Martin Møller (MATH), Brian Møller Andersen (NBI), Henriette Steiner (IGN)

Representatives of the scientific staff (apologies): Christian Gamborg (IFRO)

Representatives of the PhD students (attending): Gregor Lützenburg (IGN/ vice chair of the PhD Committee), Nanna Weise Havshøi (PLEN)

Representatives of the PhD students (apologies): Cecilie Cold (NBI), Lea Ellen Matthiessen (NEXS), Nikolaj Theodor Thams (MATH), Lærke Godsk Jensbye (IFRO/deputy), Jesper Dahl Jensen (CHEM/deputy), Ane Elise Schrøder (SNM/deputy), Pia Beck Tonnesen (IND/deputy) Mengqi Liu (PLEN/deputy), Sofie Stilling (IGN/deputy)

Guests (attending): Lise Arleth (FS), Marie Højmark Fischer (BIO), Gabriele D'Oria (FOOD), Lærke Sadolin (FS), Marie-Louise Holm (FS), Ingelise Lundgaard (FS)

Ad. 1

Welcome and presentation of agenda

David welcomed and presented the agenda. The representatives of the committee, guests and observers were registered. Lærke gave a short presentation of the Group system on KUnet

Ad. 2 Minutes from the meeting 8th June 2022

The minutes from the PhD Committee meeting on 28th March 2022 were approved by e-mail on 28th June 2022. There were no additions.

Ad. 3 Follow up on the Mental Health of PhD students

Gregor follow up on the topic from last meeting. Lærke informed that it is not possible to obtain the numbers from the administrative system Prescriba. However, Gregor states that it is important to keep addressing the two main issues which are:

- 1) Conditions of PhD students who are not employed
- 2) Terms of PhD students which have a case ongoing with mental health issue due to job

Scholarship PhD students are not included in the APV for KU employees, nor are they registered as regular students. This is a problem when it comes to well-being as both an employee and as student. The topic must be prioritized along with all the other topics in the vision project.

Ad. 4 Follow up on the work with accessibility and equality for the PhD students

Gabriele will arrange with the working group who takes lead in continuing the work on how to support disabled PhD students. There is an ongoing project at KU level where PhD students are not included at the time. The PhD Committee called for the topic to be prioritized at SCIENCE

Ad. 5 Status of the PhD Vision Project

- Lise gives a status of the project and the next steps

Lise gave a status of the process where progress is slower than planned – the project has been presented at various faculty boards to discuss the details of the project and they met support to the content of the project.

Next step is to couple it to the economy and the organization aspect and how to obtain funding for the area.

The vision project has been positively received in the different councils. The Academic council was very excited and Deputy heads of department for research (VILF) stand by the content side of the project (the organization part needs more clarification).

The role of the PhD Committee is also to be discussed in regards to the academic organization of the PhD area.

- Changes in PhD employment regulation

KU wishes to ensure that all PhD students have a minimum of living standards and therefore adopted that they receive at least 2 monthly SU as PhD students or preferably that they are employed at the university or at companies during their PhD studies in DK. This could also solve part of the problem with the different living standards, grants, health security and regulations for PhD students who are employed or not. However, David adds to this that the problem does not go away by itself, it still needs to be addressed.

Implications of the current funding and acknowledging courses procedure - Differences in intention of (by faculty) and use of (by departments) of funds are still under discussion

A new model of funding PhD courses is part of the vision project.

Ad. 6 Final PhD plans – should we revisit the model plan?

David, Gregor, Brian and Niels Martin will examine a couple of real examples from different departments and discuss possible changes to be made in order to reduce the time effort. Before sharing, the examples should be anonymized.

Ad. 7 Announcement of the elections of the PhD Committee members

Information is to be found here: See <https://kUNET.ku.dk/about-ucph/election/current-election/Pages/default.aspx>

It was decided to encourage the PhD students to make elective lists that covers all the five representation areas.

Ad. 8 AOB

David sent out the revision of the ‘rules of procedure’ with consultation deadline on February 23rd to the PhD committee. It will be discussed at the next PhD committee meeting on December 16th.