

Minutes of Departmental Forum Meeting, 25.11.2015

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Apologies received from: Marlene Thygesen, Anne Brink Nandrup, Christian Pilgaard and Martin Duus.

Guest: Lene Bavnbeek Enevoldsen

Moderator: Lars Relund. Notetaker: Mette Vad Andersen

Agenda:

- ECON budget and economy (presented by the management).

Dean and acting head of the department, Thomas Pallesen, briefly presented the current status of appointments. Currently the assessment of the two positions which have been advertised (a professorship and an associate professorship) has almost finished.

Concerning the budget:

Due to the new BSc (Economics and Business Administration) reform the department's income has fallen from 2014 to 2015, which gives a loss in 2015. See budget attached – in Danish only.

However, there is a clear expectation that, in the long term, the balance will return. The financial statement for 2015 has included expenses in connection with VIPs on leave. The situation regarding this matter is expected to be clarified, and it is expected that this will restore the balance of the budget for 2016 and onwards.

All in all, the management group is satisfied with the budget and will continue with the hiring procedures. The study progress reform is the largest factor of uncertainty. It will become a problem, if we do not succeed to get the students faster through their study programmes.

The consequence is that a fine will be imposed which is relatively large, though it must be shared between the faculties.

Questions from the members of the Departmental Forum concerned:

- A. Teaching (over)load: how will the large teaching overloads be handled in the future? The management group has initiated a plan to get an overview of VIPs TPU's to cover the teaching (over)load. This is done to enlighten the problem and to have the overload reduced.
- B. Study progress reform: will the number lessons decrease? The answer is no – the number of teaching lessons will increase hence the VIP teaching hours will as well.
- C. Can part of the budget loss be attributed the new departmental structure? Yes, part of the loss is caused by the loss of STÅ.
- D. Is there a plan if the budget and the expected balance in the future do not hold? The department can move up to 2,5 % of the turnover to the next year.