

Minutes of Departmental Forum Meeting, 8.5.17

Participants: Thomas Pallesen, Lars Relund, Karin Vinding, Annia Hoffmeyer, Lone Kiilerich, Karina Skovvang Christensen, Jan bentzen, Lene Bavnbek Enevoldsen, Stefan Hirth, Martin Møller Andreassen, 1 repræsentant fra Oecon, Trine Munk-Olsen

Excused:, Tine Louise Mundbjerg Eriksen, Eva Rye Johansen, Søren Slipsager, Victoria Kostova

Moderator: Lars Relund. Note taker: Mette Vad Andersen

Agenda:

- Approval of the agenda.

The agenda was approved

- Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes was approved

- Status from HoD

Dean, Thomas Pallesen talked about the current situation after Carsten's resignation.

While the wage negotiations were planned, Thomas found it most reasonable to step in as interim from the beginning, letting Carsten resign from his position immediately.

Thomas will be in charge of the wage negotiations.

3 out of 6 sectionleaders (Niels Haldrup, Niels Peter Mols and Tor Eriksen) will support Thomas on the professional decisions to be made at the department such as hirings – this is to avoid a complete stop in hirings until a new head of department has been appointed.

All advertised positions continue as planned.

All sectionleaders have been supportive and the dean did not hide his hope that the new head of department might be one of the sectionleaders.

Questions from the DF members:

- 1) *What is the current status concerning an advertisement of the positions as Head of Department?*

The plan is that the position will be advertised late summer. Experience shows that it is not easy to hire qualified candidates – the hope is to have a few good candidates in the pipeline when the position is being advertised.

How about the current structure and size of department?

The department will not be changed - neither to a larger size nor smaller.

The new section structure is a good solution bringing staff closer to their immediate manager.

2) *What is the status concerning current advertised positions and applicants?*

All hirings continue. Regarding the position as professor, the process has been delayed. The committee is expected to be approved during May.

3) *What is the current status of the budget?*

The department has a healthy economy. In the long run, the challenge will be to keep a high level of external grants. On faculty level, Nabanita Datta Gupta (ECON) is part of a group who seeks to strengthen the process in applying for external grants and to win them.

- AOB from VIP/TAP/PhD/Students

The next meeting scheduled for June 1st is cancelled.
Next meeting will be ultimo August.

- AOB from management

None