

Departmental Forum Meeting: 30 August 2021, 14:00-15:00

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Minutes

Present:

Niels Haldrup (Chairman, Head of Department), Sune Lauth Gadegaard (Deputy Chairman), Karin Vinding, Jonas Nygaard Eriksen, Timo Trimborn, Jonas Pilgaard Kaiser, Nicola Maaser, Zeynep Yilmaz, Yorge Hansen, Anja Zimmerdahl, Steen Andersen, Helle Yde, Marcus Ernø-Heising

Absent:

Mads Jakob Vieland Jensen
Kristoffer Holst Ibsen

Moderator:

Sune Lauth Gadegaard

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Note taker:

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Guest:

Thomas Quistgaard Pedersen (TQP)

1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting (10 June 2021)

The minutes were approved.

3. News from HoD

The HoD started the meeting with a few introductory comments and welcomed everyone back to campus and a new semester without any COVID-19 restrictions. The HoD informed that the management group is working on a document describing the recruitment and promotion criteria at the department, and it is expected this will be ready in mid-October after it has been discussed in a hearing with the section councils, departmental forum, and LSU (the local liaison committee). In connection with the announcement of the recruitment and promotion criteria, job openings at associate and full professor level with application deadlines in early December will also be posted.

The HoD also informed that three local campus 2.0. workshops have been planned by the Dean's Office in the coming months. Representatives from the department, including both management, staff and students, will participate in these workshops.

As a final remark to this item, the deputy chairman asked the department members about the format for future meetings. It was agreed that, as a rule, meetings should be onsite

meetings, but if necessary, e.g. in case of an internship or the like, department members can participate online.

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4. Teaching plans and course scheduling (TQP)

TQP explained that the room capacity on Campus Fuglesangs Alle is very constrained, especially the large auditoriums. Consequently, staff often have to teach between 16-18, and there is very little flexibility in terms of scheduling replacement lectures. TQP described that a number of new initiatives regarding course scheduling will be introduced to provide better working conditions for all department members. These are a) to reduce the amount of teaching that takes place from 16-18, b) to increase flexibility with respect to replacement lectures, c) to increase the number of courses with fixed schedules across the semester (i.e., courses that do not change time slots across time of day and day of week). More detailed communication about the specific new procedures for course scheduling will follow before the autumn break.

5. Discussion of the results from the survey among students about inappropriate behaviour

A number of DF members asked about details of the methodology used in the survey that they were not possible to identify based on the data material provided for the meeting.

This resulted in uncertainty about the results and the applicability of the survey.

However, everyone agreed that offensive behaviour is unacceptable, and the university is responsible for ensuring that offensive behaviour does not occur. The department staff portal already links to AU's information page to AU staff and managers where guidelines for dealing with offensive behaviour are described. Karin Vinding also suggested that the webpage <https://studerende.au.dk/vi-siger-fra/> (in which students can find information) was added to the minutes to raise awareness about the issue.

6. Rector's visit

The HoD briefly reminded that rector Brian Bech will visit the department on Thursday 16 September.

7. Planning the process for hearing statement for "Strategisk rammekontrakt 2022-2025"

DF members and members from the local liaison committee (LSU) will make a joint hearing statement that will form part of the official department statement.

8. Input from student representatives

Nothing to add.

10. Miscellaneous

Nothing to add.