

Departmental Forum Meeting: 30 August 2022, 14:00-15:00

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Minutes

Present:

Niels Haldrup (chairman, head of department), Sune Lauth Gadegaard (deputy chairman), Karin Vinding, Timo Trimbom, Jorge Hansen, Anja Zimmerdahl, Stefan Hirth, Kristoffer Holst Ibsen, Jonas Pilgaard Kaiser,

Absent:

Christel Brajkovic Mortensen, Nicola Maaser, Tobias Dreisler, Steen Andersen, Thor Donsby Noe

Moderator:

Sune Lauth Gadegaard

Note taker:

Anne la Cour

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1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting (9 June 2022)

The minutes were approved. However, Jonas Pilgaard Kaiser mentioned that he mistakenly had been noted as absent at the meeting on 9 June and asked that this was corrected.

3. News from HoD

Niels Haldrup (NH) began the meeting by welcoming the members of the forum and the beginning of a new semester. NH referred to the rector's visit on 25 August where it was indicated that several challenges lie ahead, e.g., soaring energy prices, rising inflation, lower intake of students and uncertainty about the future level of both the "taxametertilskud" and "grundtilskud". NH also mentioned that there has been a drop in applications within some study programmes offered by the ECON department and repeated that securing external funding is significant for the economy of the department. NH informed that budget revision meeting (ØR3) is scheduled in September.

4. Annual cycle – Recruitment strategy and recruitment policy in the coming period

With regard to the coming period, NH expressed reluctance in terms of recruitment. Christopher Ibsen asked how the lower student intake affects the budget in terms of recruitment specifically. NH replied that the reduced intake affects the bottom-line figures when aggregated with other challenging elements in the budget. Sune Lauth Gadegaard asked about the dimensioning of the cand.merc. programmes, and it was mentioned that

many of the merc. programmes are successful, but there are differences to the merc. specialisations. Not all programmes result in instant employment. Timo Trimbørn asked whether the management is considering and/or looking more into advertisement. Maybe more initiatives can be made to advertise the study programmes at BSS and ECON in particular. Stefan Hirth asked whether the department will attend the ASSA 2023 job market. NH replied that the department will have an overview of possible positions (externally funded) in a couple of months and then set the strategy for how the department approaches the job market this time. Kristoffer Ibsen mentioned that he had noticed that the lights on campus Fuglesangs Allé are switched on during the weekend and asked how and when electricity-saving initiatives were introduced. Anja Zimmerdahl replied that BSS Building Services is working on different local initiatives, and these will be communicated as soon as possible.

5. Awards and employee recognition?

Following the suggestion of introducing department awards (see document “Anerkendelse af medarbejdere ved Institut for Økonomi, 2019”), the management team has been discussing different setups, but has not been able to decide on a feasible format. Therefore, NH asked the members of the forum to make a detailed outline of how to introduce awards at the department, so this accommodates the intention of the initial employee suggestion. It was decided that members should contact Sune Lauth Gadegaard to form a working group.

6. The Dean's visit

NH asked that the members of DF and LSU collected topics and questions before the dean of Aarhus BSS, Thomas Pallesen, visits the department on 6 October.

7. News from the student representatives

No student representatives were present at the meeting. At the moment, only one student representative, Tobias Dreisler (Oecon), is member of the forum. It has not been possible to identify new members from the HA and cand.merc. programmes. It was agreed to contact Mogens Dilling-Hansen (director of studies, HA) and Malene Kallestrup-Lamb (ECON merc. Coordinator) in order to ask them to help identify new members.

8. Miscellaneous

On behalf of a few PhD students, Sune Lauth Gadegaard asked whether the publication bonus rules for PhD students had changed recently. NH replied that this was not the case to his knowledge, but promised to bring forward the question to Niels Mejlgaard, Vice-dean of Research and Talent at Aarhus BSS, and Helena Skyt Nielsen, PhD Head of Section and Director of PhD Programme.