

Minutes of meeting

Subject:	IGT Department Council	22 December 2023
Date and time:	13 December 2023	
Location:	TEK Tesla (Ø28-508a-3)	
Participants:	Jens Ejbye Schmidt (JESC) Henrik Karring (HKA) Mathias Porsmose Clausen (MPC) Knud Villy Christensen (KVC) Martin Aage Barsøe Hedegaard (MARHE) Lars Duelund (LAD) Rikke Klindt Muller (RIKM) Hannah Sauer (HAS) Cathrine Gudtmann Juhler (CGJ) Line Boysen Christensen (LBC)	mkh@igt.sdu.dk T +4565509672
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Minutes:	Mette Kornelia Hansen (MKH)	

Agenda:

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Introductory remarks and messages by the chairman
3. Welcome to new members of the IGT Department Council
 1. Election Group I: Mathias Porsmose Clausen, Associate Professor
 2. Election Group III: Hannah Sauer, Student
 3. Election Group III: Catherine Gudtmann Juhler, Student
 4. Election Group III: Line Boysen Christensen, Student
 5. Election Group III (alternate): Jakob Lindeman, Student
4. Discussion of possible appointment of new VIP-member to replace SIDB
5. Co-involvement and co-responsibility (medinddragelse og medansvar)
 1. How do we ensure an open dialogue at IGT?
 2. Prior to the meeting please consider suggestions on how to improve involvement and co-responsibility
6. Status of last approved budget for the department
7. Status of teaching, Autumn Semester 2023
 1. What works and are there things we could do better?

2. Feedback on the initiatives: "IGT Semester Start Reception" and "IGT Student Club"
8. Planned future recruitment at IGT (fixed point)
9. Welfare and working environment at IGT (fixed point)
10. AOB

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Approved.

Ad. 2

None.

Ad. 3

JESC welcomed all new members of the IGT Department Council:

Election Group I: Mathias Porsmose Clausen, Associate Professor (replacing KVC)

Election Group III: Hannah Sauer, Student

Election Group III: Catherine Gudtmann Juhler, Student

Election Group III: Line Boysen Christensen, Student

Election Group III (alternate): Jakob Lindeman, Student

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JESC will talk to the ph.d. students and clarify whether someone likes to become a member of our Department Council as a replacement for Simone Della Bella (SIDB) who leaves our department end of December.

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How do we ensure an open dialogue at the department and is there anything we can do to improve?

2 months ago a bench fee was implemented at the department. When agreed in the IGT Leadership Group this should have afterwards been discussed at the department council. JESC informed that when implementing things in the future, we will aim (when possible) to present topics and initiatives at the department council early in the process. This to ensure a higher level of involvement and participation.

Other areas also makes sense to discuss at department council level before involving the rest of the organisation. Once discussions have taken place, or have been presented, at the department council it will also be easier for the leadership to defend the decisions taken.

Forward-looking the leadership group will have increased focus on involving the department council and staff members in general. JESC noted that increased involvement and participation can also take place at unit/section meetings.

Concerning the agendas for the department council meetings JESC mentioned that most often we don't receive any input from any members of the council. All members of the

council were reminded that as representatives you each have the responsibility to ask among fellow colleagues and students if they have any topics or input they would like you to bring to the council. Forward-looking we should focus on making ourselves, and the existence of the department council, more visible.

Suggestions to the agenda can be sent to mkh (mkh@igt.sdu.dk) on an ongoing basis. We will consider whether it is necessary to set up a separate mailbox for this purpose. Until further notice please send agenda items to MKH.

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The approved budget for next year has already been presented. Unfortunately, rector was not satisfied with the outcome and asked for improvement of the budget. IGT was asked to improve DKK ½ million.

JESC has been in dialogue with all unit leaders concerning the above. Every unit has got new projects since last approval which meant that fortunately we did not have to make further cutdowns.

JESC gave a general overview of the budgets.

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1. Education update

Input from HAS:

Different improvements have been suggested to Ciprian.

“Methods in Science” is running for the last time and there is agreement that improvement is possible by spending the 5 ECTS for something different (environmental related).

The situation regarding one teacher’s sick leave has been discussed and attempted to be resolved.

Master thesis topics are arranged in a good way. Finding a supervisor is not experienced as difficult.

When problems arise – we solve it.

2. IGT Semester Start reception

The general feedback is that the initiative was good and the event was “hyggelig”. A lot of students participated – a mix of students from both first semester and later semesters.

IGT Student Club

This is a club for IGT students and the initiative was inspired by BMB/NAT and includes a room for the students for different activities etc. Two rooms have been allocated and we expect to get access to it for semester start in February. JESC will allocate some funds for activities and some decoration for the room (sofa etc.)

An information meeting for students on this topic takes place 15 December. Invitation has been distributed at ItsLearning.

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Planned future recruitment at IGT:

Chemical Engineering

- 1.2 Forskningsassistent, Henrik Karring
- 1.2 Postdoc SpinOut company (hiring: 15/1) Martin
- 1.2 Postdoc HTPMFMC (19 months) Shuang
- 1.2 Postdoc HTPMFMC (24 months) Shuang
- 1.2 Special consultant (30 months) – base funding – however the first 30 months is covered by external funded project (Henrik Karring)
- 1.4 Consultant (24 months) – Villum Shuang

Biotechnology

- 1.3 SCC PhD, Mathias Porsmose Clausen / MicroTexture PhD
- 1.3 Postdoc Deli Food, Mathias Porsmose Clausen / Jose Bonilla
- 1.3 Algae Postdoc, Michele Fabris
- 1.1 Postdoc Novozymes project, Mathias Porsmose Clausen / Jose Bonilla
- 1.2 Hychese postdoc, Mathias Porsmose Clausen / Jose Bonilla

LCE

- 15.1 Research Assistant TAKE OFF, Morten Birkved / Henrik Wenzel
- 1.2 Postdoc mix funding, Ciprian Cimpan
- 1.2 Blesystem PhD, Ciprian Cimpan
- 1.2 Green Drugs Postdoc, Morten Birkved

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The department has a Christmas Event at Odense ZOO 14 December.

The yearly summer seminar for IGT will take place in May 2024.

Common breakfast for IGT staff will continue in 2024 on a monthly basis.

The new initiative “IGT Semester Start Reception” will be repeated in September.

The IGT Leadership Group has just been on a successful 2-day seminar in Nyborg. Outcome and initiatives will be presented at the next long department meeting 26 January 2024.

In the beginning of 2024 AMO will conduct a “Mini-APV” to discuss working environment in each unit. A full APV will take place at the end of next year.

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Future meetings in the IGT Department Council will take place at the end of February and in May 2024. Outlook invitations will follow shortly.