

## AGENDA and NOTES

**BMB Management Group meeting 13012022 - 2-4 pm – online <https://syddanskuni.zoom.us/j/64338903176>**

Present: Thomas J. D. Jørgensen, Birgitte H. Kallipolitis, Susanne Mandrup, Jonathan R. Brewer, Brage S. Andresen, Jakob Møller-Jensen, Karin Hjernø

Absent with excuse: None

Notes: KH/JMJ

| Subject    | Explanation  | Notes   |
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| 1: Welcome | <p>Welcome and information from Head of Department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update on Covid19 situation</li> <li>- SDU CC (Climate cluster)</li> <li>- Ulighed i sundhed (inequality in health)</li> <li>- Institutional plan - status</li> <li>- Update on Dean's Corner</li> <li>- Life Science Fyn</li> <li>- NNF Biomedicine and Health sciences – Feb 21</li> <li>- Study reform status</li> <li>- Science academy</li> <li>- Refleksionsbank (feedbackpack/studierejsen)</li> </ul> <p>Update from the sections – incl. relocation (RUMM), twitter (SAS), etc</p> | <p><b>Covid19:</b> Updates on the restrictions are expected to come end of this week. New restrictions are not expected.<br/>It is possible to host a physical defence if agreed by the student, supervisor and censor. For more details, ask Jeanett or the study secretary</p> <p>Jonathan presents information about the <b>NUFI Roadmap funding</b> (NAT/SUND collaboration)</p> <p><b>SDU Clima Cluster</b> – The cluster is financed by 20 million DKK from SDU, i.e. not by the Faculties.<br/><a href="https://www.sdu.dk/da/klimacenter">https://www.sdu.dk/da/klimacenter</a><br/>We are open to see how we can contribute to the Cluster on the longer term, e.g. in the field of Microbiology or by offering technology or instrument platforms for collaborative projects.</p> <p>A process is running at SDU mapping how we at NAT contribute to <b>“Inequality in health”</b>. Jakob Møller Jensen and Philip (ERT) have mapped how the BMB sections each contribute.</p> <p>The <b>SDU Institutional plan (regionaliseringsplanen)</b> has been sent by SDU to the government. We are following the process closely.</p> <p><i>Coming events:</i></p> |

- **Life Science Fyn Debat** meeting Feb 10 with 20 participants (10-12 company managers + BMB + SUND + OUH). It is facilitated by BMB/NAT/RIO.
- **Visit from NNF Biomedicine & Health Sciences** at BMB/IMM Feb 21 with 5 pitches from BMB.

**Study reform status: course descriptions have been approved by the BMB teaching committee:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> year course on both BMB and Biomedicine, Bachelor:
  - *A basic lab course (10 ECTS)*
  - *Molecular datascience course (10 ECTS)*
- 1<sup>st</sup> year courses on Biomedicine, Master:
  - *Molecular pathophysiology (7. semester, Biomedicine). Both the course content and format has been transformed, and the course is now 10 ECTS (formerly 15 ECTS)*
  - *Precision medicine (7<sup>th</sup> semester, Biomedicine). This new course is also elective for BMB Msc students.*

NAT is implementing a **Science Academy course** in project and research manager for scientist at the Faculty of Science in collaboration with Just Justesen from SDU HR. The course is not a traditional course, but intended to be very close to practice and run over several years. Many of our younger research leaders have attended courses by Just and are very positive. Participation is optional, and JMJ will discuss the possibilities with the individual researchers in the early career stage.

JMJ gave a short presentation of the new **refleksion bank** for students at ITSlearning – the purpose is to support the students development of meta competences through out their study.

**Update from sections:**

RUMM: Relocation of functions is in process. A new tenure-track assistant professorship has been announced.

FGM: Funding applications and new hirings are in focus.

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|   |   | <p>BioImaging: Several grants has been received in the section (Daniels and Infrastructure).</p> <p>T-Bio: Also several grants have been received in the section. Good process towards alignment and a good social environment.</p> <p>BioMS: Waiting for the restrictions to be removed again.</p> <p>SAS: New systems are implemented and the spring teaching plan is closed to be settled. SAS are having APV-meetings. The sick leave (long) level is close to zero. A twitter “push” will be sent out to BMB to inspire employees to tweet.</p> |
| 2: Distinguished Seminar Series                                 | <p>Re-opening of the Distinguished Seminar Series.<br/>Discussion: frequency, topics etc.<br/><i>(VEDHÆFT BILAG) (Reminder: phd + postdocs are offered to have lunch with the speaker)</i></p>  | <p>JMJ will update the description of the Distinguished Seminar Series and distribute to section leaders. Each section is expected to invite one speaker every year.</p>   |
| 3: Transfer of money from external projects to internal economy | <p>Discussion of princip for transfer of excess money from external projects to internal economy/administration.</p>  | <p>In case of e.g. excess money from external projects, that needs to be moved to internal economy and administrated from the institute, MJM can ask for an administration fee (percentage) in order to generate a small counterincentive and thereby encourage researchers to complete externally funded projects in time .</p>   |
| 4: Management   | <p>In 2021 we had focus on management, e.g. the PI internat was about the management role and we wrote function descriptions for section and research leaders.<br/>Discussion/brainstorm: How do we ensure focus on close/near management in 2022 at BMB.</p> | <p>Postponed</p>   |
| 5: AOB  | <p>Thomas: Yearly powercut<br/>Brage: Research Portal from FSØ + freeze of economy systems.</p>   | <p>A yearly power cut/check is planned by SDU, but is highly inconvenient and may also turn out very expensive, especially for the instrument heavy sections like BioMS. Thomas will investigate the reasons behind the power check and consequences/possibilities and return to the MG group with an update.</p> <p>Brage expressed frustrations concerning</p>   |

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|  |  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) the research portal (which does not seem to have the need of the researcher in mind and was first announced as an option but now turns out to be mandatory)</li><li>2) the lack of a back up plan for paying expenses during the freeze period of the economy system (case: expenses concerning a patent application with a very tight deadline, which could not have been paid before the system went into freeze).</li></ol> |
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