

## Minutes of meeting

**Subject:** Department Council meeting IGT  
**Date and time:** Tuesday 14 September 2021 (13.00 – 15.00)  
**Location:** Benz  
**Participants:** Jens Ejbye Schmidt (JESC)  
Birgitte Lilholt Sørensen (BLS)  
Haiyan Qu – *vice chairman* (HAQ) until 14.15  
Henrik Karring (HKA)  
Simone Della Bella (SIDB)  
Martin A.B. Hedegaard (MARHE)  
Lars Yde (LAY)  
Lars Duelund (LAD)  
Rikke Klindt Muller (RIKM)  
Mathilde Snijder (MAS)  
Olivia Krenz Ranum (OLRAN)

**Cancellation from:** Sille Petrine Vest Hansen (SILLH)

**Minute taker:** Gitte Krøyer (GKR)

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### Agenda:

1. Approval of the agenda
  2. Introductory remarks and messages by the chairman
  3. General update on the Corona situation
  4. Economic situation at IGT / TEK
  5. IGT Teaching Prize
  6. New employees
  7. Education curriculum, procedure of modifying it, involvement of the teaching staff
  8. Sustainable Development Goals (fixed point)
  9. Planned future recruitment at IGT (fixed point)
  10. Welfare and working environment at IGT (fixed point)
  11. AOB
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**Ad. 1: Approval of the agenda**

Approved.

**Ad. 2: Introductory remarks**

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**Ad. 3: General update on the Corona**

All restrictions at SDU are now removed. However, still take your precautions.

As to reboarding of people to the department, most have come back now.

None of the members have experienced any problems.

OLRAN asked to the pre-recorded lectures from last year. JESC answered that in principle, the situation with Corona taught us different ways of teaching. Some lectures are information only and other activities are confrontation hours, a certain hours per topic.

Pre-recorded lectures do not count as confrontation hours.

**Ad. 4: Economic situation at IGT/TEK**

The financial situation at the department is looking good the next years. JESC presented the most important numbers in terms of the department's financial situation. All of you have done good work in order to change the situation. We can look forward to a positive income and not being so busy as until now. JESC appreciated the effort.

Looking into the budget for the next year, all sections are expecting to use more time for research and less for teaching. We have changed the curriculum accordingly. Less students are enrolled this semester, even less than expected. We expected 10%, however, it turned out to be 15% This situation calls for adjustments, although we expect that less students will stop after the first year. All changes have been implemented into TEK Manager.

**440 - Administration**

Budget: the deficit will be corrected to 0.

Due to less activities during Corona, we have money left for purchase of general equipment, lab equipment, etc.

JESC asked for suggestions from the group. Only condition is that each single amount do not exceed 100,000 DKK due to write-off rules.

**441 – SDU Chemical Engineering**

Chemical Engineering shows a deficit. Three people are leaving from the section and new employees will be hired. It will take some time before the new employees have got external projects. We do not expect income from the new employees before 2022.

**442 – SDU Biotechnology**

Positive income for the next years.

We will be hiring for the coming years for external projects and additional employees in 2023, e.g., within foods.

**443 – LCE (Life Cycle Engineering)**

Many people to be hired in LCE.

The budget is looking good. The unit is in the process of hiring new permanent staff due to the positive financial situation.

JESC pointed out that all should be aware when the HoU presents the budget to consider the new hiring, especially permanent staff.

#### **Ad. 5: IGT Teaching Prize**

An IGT Teaching Prize has been discussed in the TEK Leadership Group. The general consensus is that a Teaching Prize in one department must be represented in all departments.

As we already have many different prizes, the topic was discussed one more time. The conclusion was that we have too many prizes.

#### **Ad. 6: New employees**

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Position for assistant/associated professor in analytic chemistry is open. The next hiring for permanent staff will be in January or February 2022.

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Position as assistant professor in Biochemical Engineering is open. Call closed 1 September.

Hiring Brian Jønson. Phd divided 1.5 years with Nature Energy and now 1.5 years at IGT. Phd. Energy conversion for Shuang.

One post doc working for Eva A.

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Teacher in Atmospheric chemistry. One person is hired. Henrik Skov. Two post docs (Morten and Gang).

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Since our last meeting Gitte has joined as PA for Jens.

We are about to recruit a PA for the sections and a lab/technician for the whole department.

#### **Ad. 7: Education curriculum, procedure of modifying it, involvement of the teaching staff**

HAQ pointed out that by new courses the teaching staff should be involved for better prep and timing. Do we have a procedure for this? The procedure should be more transparent and contain an opportunity for discussion.

Atmospheric chemistry course: Mandatory for students at MSc (Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology).

JESC commented that Henrik Wenzel promised to be responsible for this course. Over time, it became comprehensive, and we had to appoint external people.

JESC has initiated a series of teaching seminars in order to achieve an understanding who is responsible, and at which point. Please be aware that you do not take anything out of the curriculum as it may be connected to the later teaching on e.g., 3. semester. We often lack people in teaching. The teaching load differs, and it is fair to take over the teaching if you have the background. Of course, one is entitled to have a fair chance to

prepare for the course e.g., for next year. When people stop at the department one will obviously get shorter notice.

Discuss with your HoU at MUS which courses you can teach. This will enable better planning in the future and secure back up for key courses.

#### **Ad. 8: Sustainable Development Goals**

SDU still focusses on this issue.

SDU with Sebastian Mernild, Professor of Climate Change and Vice Rector at SDU, plans a new climate centre seeking to promote pioneering and excellent climate research and education across all faculties to support a climate-conscious and sustainable society. A new head of this is being hired and people from SDU and external people are invited to come and work there.

Find it here: [https://sdunet.dk/en/administration/nyt\\_om\\_administration/nyheder/sdu-etablerer-klimacenter](https://sdunet.dk/en/administration/nyt_om_administration/nyheder/sdu-etablerer-klimacenter)

#### **Ad. 9 Planned future recruitment at IGT**

See Ad. 6.

#### **Ad. 10 Welfare and working environment at IGT**

The Welfare Committee invited IGT for housewarming 27 August, and 25 people joined.

We are about to plan a Christmas party and the Committee could need more hands. New candidates for the Committee are welcome.

#### **Ad. 11 AOB**

We need people to join the magazine Petriskålen. A magazine prepared by students. Please ask around whether anyone will take over the job. JESC will define the work of the Petriskålen to OLRAN and Emma.

HKA asked about Autoclave.

LAD answered that we all must be patient as to Technical Service. The work is in progress. LAD informed that at the end of this month we will have some clarification.

Next meeting: Medio November 2021 (meeting invitation will follow).