

Minutes of meeting

Subject: Executive meeting
Date and time: November 28, 2019
Participants: Jesper Bo Nielsen (JBN)
User Perspectives: Birgitte Nørgaard (BN)
Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Biodemography: Kaare Christensen (KC)
Clinical Pharmacology and Pharmacy: Kim Brøsen (KB)
Environmental Medicine: Philippe Grandjean (PG)
Danish Centre for Health Economics/DaCHE: Dorte Gyrd-Hansen (DGH)
Health Promotion: Pernille Tanggaard Andersen (PTA)
DGH and PTA participated until item 5
Cancellation from: General Practice: Jens Søndergaard (JS)
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Agenda:

- 1. News from IST**

IST-secretariat: A finance assistant position has been advertised from March 1, 2020.
Dorthe V. Andersen, project secretary at CTU, Clinical Pharmacology and Pharmacy helps until the summer of 2020.
Finances: Everything as planned for 2019.
Access to data for students: To give Master students as well as SDU guests access to data, please use the Guest Researcher form. In this way it is clear which data they get access to and for how long, and we have the possibility to cancel the agreement. The students must take the SDU GDPR course as well. At present the students must use an SDU-computer.
A student version will be made of the present Guest Researcher form
<https://sdunet.dk/da/enheder/institutter/ist/stikord>
JBN has also talked to the IST GDPR-group about a course for students, e.g. around February 1 and September 1.
- 2. News from SUND**

SDU and Global Goals: 2,116 persons participated in the vote for future initiatives and indicated that SDU should initially address the following three suggested solutions: 1. From waste to resources (58% of the votes). 2. SDU gets moving

(38% of the votes). 3. Transport that is sustainable – smaller and greener means of transport (29% of the votes).
 What can IST do and contribute with? Suggestions could be discussed at an institute forum. KC: “health”, perhaps the safe choice, but probably also where we can make a difference.
 DGH: Do not forget “equality in health”. PTA: At present in Esbjerg we are working with increased movement and job satisfaction.
Pixi book for teaching: IMM is at present making a Pixi book about teaching and teaching-related tasks and solutions. Will be forwarded to the other SUND departments later.
Cooperation and insight across SUND: There is a desire to gain an insight into the projects of the other SUND departments in order to improve cooperation. JBN and Morten Grønbæk, SIF, discussed a draft for the two departments.
The Novo Nordisk Foundation (NNF) paid a visit to SDU. JBN went through the material that NNF had presented, including the strategic areas which NNF focus on. It was agreed that several of these areas fit very well in with IST competences.

3. News from councils and committees Academic Council, KC:

Speak Danish: international employees have difficulties learning Danish as everybody speaks English so well. Information about Danish lessons are included in the SDU welcoming papers, but e.g. minutes from council meetings are only available in Danish, so there is also room for improvement here.
 Several PhD-students experience a rejection of their articles and do not have the possibility to resend them.
 Strategic funds: It has been debated that the latest application round was not an open process. There was a very short deadline, and the size of the funds was unknown.
 University paper: Some members would like a university paper which is independent of the executive board. Several people mention “SUND & HED” as a good example. “SDU debate” (online) is being established, but some people fear that it is also too close to the executive board.

4. Comments from participants

KB: Danish Medicines Agency is establishing a data center, but the analyses will be carried out at the universities.
 Tore Stage has received DKK 10 million from the Novo Nordisk Foundation and is in the process of establishing a cell laboratory.

BN: We have received strategic funds for the project Human Health, and the project is off to a good start.

JBN and BN are discussing the establishment of a center for user perspectives with OUH. The goal is a cooperation over five years.

PG: The US film "Dark Waters" has premiere in Denmark after Christmas. PG is pleased with the attention, as there is giant shortcomings as to control with products and chemicals.

General Practice, JBN: Associate professor positions have been advertised, there are many applicants.

CMSS, JBN: The performance contract for CMSS must be renegotiated with the Danish Maritime Authority in early December. The goal achievement for 2019 has been reached for 2019 at all points.

Best wishes

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