

Minutes of meeting

Subject: Executive meeting
Date and time: April 16, 2020, at 10.00-11.30
Venue: Zoom
Participants: Head of Department Jesper Bo Nielsen (JBN)
General Practice (FEA): Jens Søndergaard (JS)
User Perspectives: Birgitte Nørgaard (BN)
CMSS (Centre of Maritime Health and Society):
Lisa L. Froholdt (LF)
DaCHE (Danish Centre for Health Economics):
Dorte Gyrd-Hansen (DGH)
Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Biodemography (EBB):
Kaare Christensen (KC)
Environmental Medicine: Philippe Grandjean (PG)
Health Promotion: Pernille Tanggaard Andersen (PTA)
Cancellation from: Clinical Pharmacology and Pharmacy: Kim Brøsen (KB)
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- 1. News from councils and committees**

KC: Much work has been put on hold. Pro-Vice-Chancellor Bjarne Graabech Sørensen resigns in the fall of 2020, so a committee has been set up for the appointment of the next pro-vice-chancellor.
 - 2. News from IST**

Finances: Falling activity at the units. Less money spent than budgeted, and some projects are expected to have less activity. Other projects continue without changes. Please remember that you are not expected to deliver the same amount of work in the present situation from your home workplace.

Teaching: SUND wants the National Institute of Public Health (NIPH) to teach more, perhaps an online Public Health programme. It is uncertain to what extent this programme will influence the IST units in Esbjerg.

Novo Nordisk: A Data Science Network has been started in Denmark. A committee will among other things be involved in the establishment of a strategy for and the distribution of funds. IST will recommend three researchers as possible participants.

Consequences of the lockdown: IST has eight Master's theses that will be delayed.

Laboratories, projects and students in the clinic have also been affected. There may be loss of salary and delayed course of projects. It seems that the financing of salary for delayed Ph.D.-students must be obtained by the departments. At present it looks like approx. two full-time equivalents (FTEs) for IST.

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3. Comments from participants

PG: It is important for Environmental Medicine to give the Corona crisis an environmental perspective. Figures from the US shows that there may be a connection between the exposure to individual chemicals and the risk of infection. The unit is working at getting the figures from the Statens Serum Institut (SSI).

The unit has meetings at least once a week with both academic and social contents.

DGH: The unit is doing well. Monday meetings continue and from Friday, April 17, 2020 Zoom seminars will begin. Much is business as usual but just online.

BN: The unit is trying to stick to routines and continue the weekly meetings with academic and social contents.

JS: FEA is a clinical unit, so it is quite a challenging situation. Many employees are anxious. Several of our projects are clinical and on standby. Therefore, the unit has two to three CFEs of salary delay on Ph.D.-projects.

It is quite a challenge to have online staff meetings with 70 participants.

Several applications have been submitted.

PTA: The unit has weekly meetings, and seminars will begin in week 17.

The unit participates, together with colleagues from KU/SUND, in a major study: International study on student well-being during the COVID-19 epidemic.

Challenges about a new programme at National Institute of Public Health (SIF), as mentioned earlier, make the employees anxious, and we are following the development closely.

KC: The unit has seminars from week 17. The unit is doing well, but many families with young children are struggling to get everyday life to function well. There is a good team spirit at the unit.

Still awaiting a real start-up of the new NIH-project, but it looks as if it is possible to extend the project.

Employees think that there has been a lack of information from SDU centrally since the lockdown.

LF: It is going well. The unit has weekly meetings for everybody and is planning seminars.

The unit is trying to reorganize projects, COVID also gives new possibilities for collaboration.

LU: The administrative group also has online-meetings. The secretariat is preparing for the first budget meeting with the dean on April 28, 2020. On account of the lockdown, not all units have had time to re-budget their projects.

Digital PhD defense:

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Ph.D. defenses are being held digitally (Zoom). SUND digital teaching employees help with links and the conducting of the defense.

At the PhD school website you find links to "Does the corona situation affect your PhD" and "FAQ".

EBB has had two defenses that both went well.

Kind regards,

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Department secretary

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