

## Minutes of meeting

**Subject:** Executive meeting  
**Date and time:** May 5, 2020 kl. 10.00-11.30  
**Venue:** Zoom  
**Participants:** Head of Department Jesper Bo Nielsen (JBN)  
General Practice: Jens Søndergaard (JS)  
User Perspectives: Birgitte Nørgaard (BN)  
DaCHE (Danish Centre for Health Economics):  
Dorte Gyrd-Hansen (DGH)  
Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Biodemography:  
Kaare Christensen (KC)  
Clinical Pharmacology and Pharmacy: Kim Brøsen (KB)  
Environmental Medicine: Philippe Grandjean (PG)  
Health Promotion: Pernille Tanggaard Andersen (PTA)  
**Cancellation from:** CMSS: Lisa L. Froholdt (LF)  
**Taken by:** Line Bach Ulstrup (LU)

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### Agenda:

#### 1. News from IST

##### Finances:

The first of 2 yearly budget meetings have taken place. IST spends less than expected. Funds must be set aside for financing of projects and PhD-students that are delayed on account of COVID19.

SUND announces that it may be possible to use PhD-funds from 2021 to cover 2020 salaries.

##### Reopening:

Many laboratories have reopened. According to Flemming Nielsen at Environmental Medicine it is going well. EBB lab employees are also back at OUH.

The greatest challenge is project employees and PhD-students who must interview patients in their homes.

The reopening will occur gradually, and IST has been asked to come up with a plan for the use of labs and offices.

KB asks if it is possible for some employees to work together at the university. JBN explains they are working towards a solution and that IST is being told the maximum number of persons allowed in the buildings. This will continue to be administered centrally at IST (News May 10, 2020 from the

government about phase 2 unfortunately did not open up for more persons present at SDU than up to now, which is the reason why we have to wait for a further opening from the beginning of June, added after the meeting, JBN)

For the present, it is still possible to contact LU for access to the buildings to pick up material, print etc.

Building activities in Esbjerg and at NytsUND:

Both places the building activities are proceeding according to plan.

At present looking at number of office places at NytsUND, and how often partially attached persons need an office space.

Esbjerg expects to move in at the end of 2020 or the beginning of 2021.

**2. News from councils & committees**

KC: The Academic Council will proceed with meetings from week 20 and the University Council from the beginning of June. The councils have a constructive approach.

The information level during the COVID lockdown has varied between faculties.

KB asks whether the council could discuss uniform guidelines for assessment of professorships for OUH and the other hospitals in the region.

KC explains that the council has previously discussed e.g. the requirement of three qualified applicants, required qualifications, and the self-interests of the hospitals. So, it is possible to take up the topic again.

**3. Comments from participants**

BN: Not much news from eBP. People look very much forward to returning, so they are a bit worried that the lockdown lasts long.

JS: A bit of mental fatigue among the employees – they miss the togetherness. Challenges with the clinical projects, some may try video consultation.

KC: Nothing further.

DGH: It has become the new normality to be together while staying apart. The unit is very ready to return to the offices. We are hoping for a prompt announcement after news from the government this week.

KB: Partly back in the labs, but some of the PhD-students cannot proceed with their projects. We hope that somebody is also looking into a more long-term plan for SDU, if the situation is extended, or if another COVID wave hits us.

PTA: We would like the opportunity to work shifts, so employees can return to the offices alternately.

It is difficult to work on project applications without small talk with your colleagues.

PG: Talk at the unit about rejuvenation of the staff and about ways to find the talented new colleagues.

Discussion with KI whether to establish a Center for Global Health.

We have a COVID19 project where we look at the contents of fluoride in the blood of COVID-positive patients. However, the project has been delayed by SDU RIO.

The employees allowed back in the lab are very pleased.

LU: The budget meeting went well, but it is clear that – besides a continuous focus of registration of all applications to avoid a 20% project fee – in the future the focus will also be on the pipeline of applications in general. For that reason, please ensure to inform the secretary responsible as soon as an application has been rejected or granted.

This week we will ask for holiday wishes for the period Sept. 1, 2020 – Dec. 31, 2021. It is a long period, and it may seem irrelevant in the present situation, but it is important to get the days placed via MyHoliday already now (link to the system on the front page of SDU.net).

Kind regards

**Line Bach Ulstrup**  
Department secretary