

## Minutes of meeting

<b>Subject:</b>	Executive meeting
<b>Date and time:</b>	23 October 2025, 12:30 – 14:30
<b>Location:</b>	OD SUN M-2.13, Solsikken
<b>Participants:</b>	Pernille Tanggaard Andersen (PTA), Head of Department Tore B. Stage (TBS), Clinical Pharmacology, Pharmacy and Environmental Medicine Jens Søndergaard (JS), General Practice Lisa Loloma Froholdt (LLF), Maritime Health and Technology Dorte Gyrd-Hansen (DGH), Health Economics, DaCHE
<b>Apologies from:</b>	Charlotte Overgaard (CO), Health Promotion Kaare Christensen KC, Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Biodemography Birgitte Nørgaard (BN), User Perspectives and Community- based Interventions
<b>Minutes taken by:</b>	Ngaio Ustrup (NU)

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### Agenda

1. Welcome and presentation of the agenda
2. Mutual updates from Head of Department and Research Leaders
  - Including: The Health Reform and research areas by PTA
3. Finance and projects by PTA
  - proposal for initiating a pilot project on the use of the Research Portal
  - Project fee
4. Any other business

### Item 1

The agenda and minutes are approved

### Item 2

PTA provided an update on the OUH and SDU leadership forum meeting, where new potential areas of collaboration were presented. Two areas were particularly highlighted in relation to the Health Reform: General Practice and User Involvement. PTA and JS have been invited by OUH to participate. JS emphasized the importance of being part of future research committees, given the Health Reform's plan to reallocate funds. DGH pointed out

that IST should now join various collaboration groups in municipalities, as significant developments are also taking place in the health sector there.

The Health Reform (Sundhedsreformen) brings IST's research capabilities into focus, and there will be a demand for them. Research on women's diseases has also become a priority area, and SUND aims to position SDU's research in this field.

TBS noted the press conference on 22 October 2025 regarding "Government Strategic Priorities for Research and Innovation 2026–2029," highlighting that the new agreement includes increased funding for research and major new initiatives.

See link: <https://ufm.dk/publikationer/2025/strategiske-prioriteter-for-forskning-og-innovation-2026-2029>

Updates from the units:

- JS: At FEA, there is high activity with increased research and teaching. Unfortunately, there are still many cases concerning access to documents, which is time-consuming.
- DGH: The unit faces significant space issues. More staff have joined, but career opportunities for junior researchers cannot be offered. In the latest DFF grants, the unit received two. In collaboration with SAMF, an application has been submitted to establish a one-year Master in Health Economics (75 ECTS).
- TBS: The unit has submitted several DFF applications, with two on the waiting list. As usual, there is heavy activity with articles, applications, and teaching. Twenty staff members will attend the Annual Celebration. Anton Pottegaard will receive the Fyns Stiftstidende Prize and the Young Investigator Prize from Lundbeck on 4 November—well deserved.
- LLF: The unit is preparing to present a major study that includes mental health. DKK 700,000 has been granted to conduct a needs analysis for establishing a maritime professional Master program. All five faculties would need to participate, though the location is uncertain. MHT plans to contribute two modules and two electives, which others can also take. The unit is again attempting to secure funding through the Finance Act, as was the case when it was CMSS. In teaching, a case competition was successfully held to the satisfaction of the company involved.

### Item 3

IST has raised objections to the 20% project fee. Following input from research leaders, BN has brought the matter to the Academic Council, and it will be on the agenda again at the December meeting.

The distortion the project fee would create between universities and in relation to grant applications is problematic. It is particularly challenging for researchers who are largely self-funded. The "back-and-forth calculation" presented by the Rectorate is difficult to understand, and better communication and justification for the decision are generally lacking. PTA expects this to be discussed at the next Heads of Department meeting. The return of funds does not seem to be finalized; we still need to see concrete calculations. However, the current statement is that full return will occur.

Over time, we must be able to document that it has become harder to secure external funding, and IST would also like to see a threshold introduced for when this rule applies,

for example, all projects under DKK 1 million. KC will investigate other universities and their project fees. The matter will be revisited at the next research leaders' meeting. SUND Finance wishes to launch a pilot project at IST on restarting projects in the Research Portal under SDUpro. There was no immediate support for this among the research leaders.

**Item 4**

The next IST Forum will take place on Friday, 23 January 2026, from 09:00–13:00 in O100.

All staff will receive an invitation directly in their inbox. Please note that attendance is mandatory twice a year.

NU highlighted SDU's translation tool, specifically designed for translating short texts between Danish and English and equipped with SDU's terminology list.

The tool can be accessed here:

<https://sdunet.dk/da/servicesider/kommunikation/oversaettelse-korrektur/ai-vaerktoej?fromlogin=1>

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