

Summary of Executive Meeting

Department of Public Health (IST)

Time/Place: Thursday 28 September 2017, J.B: Winsløvs Vej 9

Participants: Jens Søndergaard (JS), Helle Johannessen (HJ), Dorte Gyrd-Hansen (DGH), Pernille Tanggaard Andersen (PTA), Kimmo Herttua (KH), Kim Brøsen (KB), Kaare Christensen (KC), Jesper Bo Nielsen (JBN).

Absent: Phillipe Grandjean

1. News from the Department

Finances: Finances at the units and the Department are under control. The second budgetary round with Faculty and Finance Department has just ended. The Department expects a profit of approx.. DKK 4 million deriving from closed projects, not from day-to-day operations.

Finances SDU: The proposed National Budget still contains the 2 % reprioritization at least until 2021. Some of the courses of education have used rate 1 which is not carried on from 2020 onwards. It is too early to say, what it will mean to the redistribution of funds at the university.

Data security: The management group at HEALTH has received a briefing by Kurt Gammelgaard from the IT Department, about expectations, demands and which possibilities SDU works with. IST's datasecuritygroup invites Kurt and a representative from RIO to speak, among other things, plans, possibilities, interfaces for research data. (The meeting is being held 2 November at 9-11 a.m. in WP 19, first floor, room 17.110. Contact ist-sekretariatet @health.sdu.dk, if you want to participate). JBN asks all heads of research to establish which type of data is available in the units, how the data is stored, and who has access to the data. Please send the surveys to JBN not later than by the beginning of December 2017.

Department Forum 2017 – Evaluation:

Some of the PhD presentations were long, but a good variation. Suggestion about more focus on dissemination – perhaps make the presentations into a common unit “project” about the best possible communication of the subject in question.

Health Economics:

At present, work is being done to strengthen the unit at IST. DGH is now employed 100% at IST, as are Trine Kjær and Kim Rose Olsen. Line Bjørnskov Pedersen is employed 50 % from 1 January 2018 (and continues 50% employment at FEA). Furthermore, the unit has received a number of new PhD students, and, all in all, the many new faces mean some reshuffles of offices at WP 9.

The reshuffles of offices are also necessary to make room for the 20 EDSD (European Doctoral School of Demography) students who are at IST from mid-October and approx.. 10 months onwards.

Authorisers in ØSS: FSØ has deleted a number of authorisers, but the secretariat has reported the errors and expects that they will be rectified during week 42. FSØ has requested that IST evaluates the number of authorisers, being that SDU has many grant licensees who actually never authorise the projects. IST is organized differently than other departments, and we have received permission to maintain the decentralized structure. In future, PhD students as grant licensees will *not* be made authorisers – in those cases the principal supervisor, alternatively the head of research, will be authorizer. An email about the change will be send round in week 41 or 42.

2. News from the Management Team at the Faculty of Health Sciences

The move to “Nyt SUND” is expected to take place by the end of 2022. The savings to finance the move are being handled by the Faculty, so it should not influence the Department.

The Vice-Chancellor gives out a number of strategic funds, DKK 150 – 200 million, primarily found through “additional” teaching funds, due to the Study Progress Reform (“fremdriftsreform”). The advantage is not yet in place, but the field of possible recipients has been narrowed down to four projects. There should be a possibility of HEALTH/IST participation in three of the four projects.

Pregraduate Education – HEALTH used to finance... It will continue to be a possibility for the medical students that...

Prægraduat forskeruddannelse – Fremdriftsreformen og skærpede krav fra ministeriel side til at afslutte kandidatuddannelserne til normeret tid har udfordret muligheden for et forskningsår under studiet. En analyse på lægeuddannelsen viser at de der tager et forskningsår ikke samlet er mere forsinkede end andre er. Det vil derfor fortsat være en mulighed for de medicinstuderende, at tage et prægraduat forskningsår.

New Campus Esbjerg: Completion expected by the end of 2019 and ready for moving in by the beginning of 2020.

Institutional Review Board: SDU is preparing a board. Arja Aro (Health Promotion) used to participate in such boards in Finland and the Netherlands, and has now joined the process of development with Søren Frandsen, RIO and Olaf Svenningsen, FSØ.

Election for Study Board: There are elections for all Study Boards and PhD Committees in Autumn 2017. More information can be found here:

<http://sdunet.dk/Personale/Valg/Valg-ved-SDU.aspx>

3. News from Councils/Committees

KC: news from "Akademisk Råd": The Council has considered projects for the distribution of DKK 10 million from strategic funds, but these projects have been withdrawn due to increased funds (item 2)

Datasecurity is a strong presence. There are concerns whether is RIO sufficiently staffed.

Nordisk Forskningsråd: Discussion about Open Access. And discussion about the growth of some subscription-based journals may lead to a possible evaluation of levels/ratings.

4. News from the International Staff Office (ISO)

The ISO has devised new information and HR-material in connection international postings and other places of employment. The Department must be better at referring employees who plan a stay abroad to the ISO. Furthermore, an appendix to the employment contract has been published. This appendix must be filled in in connection with postings (a stay abroad of minimum 28 days – this includes a stay on your own initiative).

5. Around the table

KH: CMSS has its twenty-fifth anniversary 8 November, where a seminar is being held.

KB: has just had interview for the assistant professor position. 1 August 2018 is the fortieth anniversary of the first professor of clinical pharmacology being appointed at SDU.

DGH: Delighted in the unit's being strengthened at IST and hopes for a good working relation relationship with the other units.

KC: Continued "uncertainty" concerning MaxO and how the constellation about the unit will be after 31 December 2017. No matter what, there will be two administrative units (EB and MaxO). However, there will be a research related association for at least two years.

JS: The unit has its twenty-fifth anniversary in Spring 2018. The Region is going to have a new research strategy, and JS takes part in the process.

HJ: The unit teaches and teaches and teaches...

PTA: Had a meeting about the bibliometric system for Public Health Sciences. Change from level 1 to level 2. JBN and PTA also had a meeting with the management of Sydvestjysk Sygehus about future cooperation, interfaces, etc.

The meeting ended at midday.

Scheduled meetings in 2018:

25 January, 28 February, 22 March, 25 April, 17 May, and 18 June