

# Summary of Executive Meeting

## Department of Public Health (IST)

Thursday 30 November 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), Jesper Bo Nielsen (JBN).

Absent: Phillipe Grandjean, Kaare Christensen.

### 1. News from the Department of Public Health.

Status budget/economy: Overall, the department and units' economy is quite good. However, some units have overspending costs for D-VIP, which is mostly explained by illness at the units. Generally seen, IST is expected to yield a profit of DKK 4- 4,6 mio. This is, again, due to proceeds from external projects. There continues to be a significant uncertainty concerning finances at faculty level. 2 % budget cut back towards 2021: At present, the capital of HEALTH and the budget cutbacks, which was started in 2016, mean that that the staff of IST should not be reduced contingent on the above-mentioned conditions.

Data security: At the last executive meeting, the heads of research were asked to send in an overview of the data of the units (what is available, who has access etc.) no later than the beginning of December. The overview concerns all available data. Kaare was absent at the meeting, but had submitted the overview concerning EB in advance. At the request of the other heads of research, a revised edition of EB's overview was distributed for inspirational purposes. Helle Johannessen has talked to Inge Hansen, the IT department, and received the following suggestions to the storage of data in the future:

1. Each project is being established with its own secure and electronically outlined (on Sharepoint or on one of the other electronically secure digital platforms and that
2. Each unit of research establishes a distinct Sharepoint site that solely works as a joint entrance platform/front of the project specific secure areas that the employees of the unit handle.

This is being done to get an overview of the potentially many collections of data that a unit can have. Technically this is being done by placing links to all other secure areas of the unit on the front of the "entrance site". In this way you make sure that (a) each project has its own secure area with the matching specific rights of entrance; and (b) that the secretariat of the unit has an overview at all times of which data areas the employees handle. The latter can be quite practical, for example in connection to the resignation of employees.

JBN maintains that each unit must produce overviews and that these will probably have to be further specified at the beginning of 2018.

Teaching portfolio: The faculty wishes to increase the quality of teaching and to make this visible. There is focus on an updated portfolio. An evaluation of the academic staff (Postdoc, Assistant Professor, Lecturer and Professor) at IST shows that 70 % have filled in data.

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

UC Syd wishes further cooperation. It is a strategic wish for them, as they wish to increase their share of research. The contractual situation concerning the cooperation has become easier, and the Ph.D.-students can teach at both UC and SDU.

The intake of students – the analysis made in recent years concerning overbooking (the intake of students vs. the drop-out rate) proved to tally with the expected target figure for students.

Strategy seminar in the Management Team at the Faculty of Health Sciences: Focus primarily on how to translate the university's strategy to reality. Each department translates so that it makes sense compared to values and ways of acting.

In the future, the employee authorized to sign debtor forms must be copied on emails to the Debtor Office containing debtor forms, in accordance with new requirements from the Debtor Office/Accounts Department. Kirsten Nybo Jacobsen has volunteered to be the person to be copied on these emails in order to take the burden off the heads of research/"bevillingshaver".

The International Staff Office, ISO, sent information and regulations on Sideline employment for international researchers. Please look at the attached. Always contact ISO or [ist-sekretariatet@health.sdu.dk](mailto:ist-sekretariatet@health.sdu.dk) if you have any questions.

### **3. News from Councils/Committees**

Academic Council: The support from RIO has been discussed. The researchers do not feel that they get enough help from RIO – there is a long processing time, particularly concerning the computing agreements. Søren Frandsen (head of RIO) is aware of the challenge and realizes that the matching of expectations has been insufficient.

### **4. Comments from participants**

KH: CMSS hosted its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 8 November. More than 60 people took part in the arrangement which was a part-time seminar with theatre, music and an anniversary publication.

HJ: Finn Børlum Kristensen has become affiliated to Brugerperspektiver as assigned Professor. Charlotte Abrahamsen has been appointed assistant Professor in a shared position with Kolding Sygehus.

PTA: Has had a meeting with UC Syd, where the 2025-strategy from the Ministry was being discussed and small working groups have been started to develop cooperation. Arja Aro has, together with RIO, made a huge effort to develop the SDU Institutional Review Board, which awaits the further process which is being initiated by RIO.

KB: Has hired Tore B. Stage as Assistant Professor as of 1 November. In 2018, there will be new programme regulations for graduates at medicine and in future Clinical Pharmacology will become an separate subject.

DGH: A strategy meeting will be held at the beginning of December and we hope for further cooperation across IST.

JS: The unit has been lucky with grants, from among others, the Velux Foundation. Funds have also been granted from the Regional Council to research the attitudes of patients and general practitioners towards the use of medicinal cannabis.

JBN: Olaf Svenningsen leaves in order to start a new job at the University of Lund as of 1 February 2018.