

Minutes of the Executive Meeting

Subject: Executive meeting
Date and time: 17 May 2018, 10.00-11.45
Location: J.B. Winsløvs Vej 9 B
Participants: Jesper Bo Nielsen (JBN), Kim Brøsen (KB), Kimmo Herrtua (KH), Kaare Christensen (KC), Pernille Tanggaard Andersen (PTA), Jens Søndergaard (JS), Helle Johannessen (HJ).
Cancellation from: Philippe Grandjean, Dorte Gyrd-Hansen.
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Agenda:

1. News from the department

Department Forum 2018: Will be held August 23 - information will be circulated as soon as possible. The program was discussed May 2 with the Department Council, and it is expected that "data" will be the overall theme of the year. Kurt Gammelgård (IT) and Simon Kamber (DPO) are available and willing to participate.

Data security: We have come far, but an update at the Department Forum would be good.

IST has set up two working groups to formulate IST descriptions for GDPR Guidelines and Open Access Guidelines. Both groups consist of 2 heads of research and employees from 2-3 units. The work is expected to be finished by August 23, but must be continuously reassessed. EB is getting an agreement with IT-service on the unit servers. Hereafter IT's purchasing agreements will be available including better prices.

Finances: IST is used to having a sound financial base, especially as we are good at obtaining external grants. Our turnover is still increasing.

SDU has decided to continue the build-up of a strategic pool. The funds are drawn from the residual pool which is also used as an incentive pool in connection with external turnover. The reduction of the residual pool means less incentive funds for IST, which is of greater importance to us than to other departments with less external turnover. This

reduction is a marked part of the stipulated budget reduction at IST in the years to come.

The secretariat is presently looking at the budget, and JBN says that he is optimistic. He hopes that the changes can be dealt with by ordinary expiration of employments, so that it will not be necessary to discharge anyone. It is not so that no employments will be extended or that no position will be advertised when someone retires, but an individual assessment will be made from case to case.

In 2018 the expected budget will be kept reasonably, and JBN is confident that it will be possible to minimize the large deficit from 2019 and forward.

However, please still remember to include buyout in external applications, as this may also be a way to get around the changes in the budgets.

KC explains that EB has been successful in using buyout for a data manager or a research assistant. It works well, it is fair, and it can be handled administratively.

The changes will make a greater impact at the Faculty of Health Sciences as the Faculty has chosen to distribute as many as possible funds to the departments. The changes are the downside of this model, since the Faculty consequently does not have major funds available. However, up to now the model has been an upside for IST.

The changes will result in a redistribution between the faculties.

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

Data: Much talk about data at the latest heads of department meeting.

Trade union representative DM: Bjarne Andersen retired as of April 30, 2018. A new TR will be elected at the Faculty of Health Sciences. For the present Jens Vraa-Jensen from DM is liaison officer.

The Elite Research Prize: An advertisement has been made, and it is possible to nominate a researcher under the age of 45.

Options/rejections in budget strategy: There is an ongoing dialogue about the strategic pools; Drone and robot technology, Human Health, Personalized Medicine, and CPOP.

JBN expects further information shortly about the possibilities of participating in projects, and we must be ready to contribute.

- 3. News from councils and committees.** At the request of the University Council, KC has been nominated as chairman of the University Council and has been elected. KC only wanted to be nominated if there was support to change the meeting structure so that the agenda allows for strategic discussions and “problems smouldering beneath the surface”. The council unanimously supported his suggestion.
- 4. Comments from participants**
- HJ: Vacancy advertisement for associate professor. Many applicants. Hopefully the position will fall into place in late summer.
- Several major applications have been sent or are on the way. HJ urges the heads of research to send more Marie Curie applications, there are possibilities for us. HJ serves on the selection committee and there are very few applications from SUND. It is about foreign exchange to “something unique”. HJ asks the researchers to think about our specialties which young talented researchers may find useful. Helle offers to look through the applications before they are sent in. More info about Marie Curie:
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/msca-if-2018.html>
- Open call:
http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/actions/get-funding/individual-fellowship-2018_en
- PTA: Vacancy advertisement for assistant professor. Hopefully will also fall into place in late summer.
- New Head of Studies, probably from Sept. 1, 2018. The unit takes part in a number applications to the EU/Horizon/Danish Councils for Independent Research.
- KB: Cooperation with David Gaist e.g. about an application in which Dorte Gyrd-Hansen also participates. The unit is expanding. Part of the space problems are solved by changing a former classroom into an open-plan office.
- Courses in pharmacology for medical students start in the fall. During the fall, there will be a celebration of the 40th anniversary of the first appointment of a professor in Clinical Pharmacology. It will take place on the birthdays of Jesper Hallas and Lars Gram.
- JS: Much activity at the unit, many applications have been sent. Two vacancy advertisements for professors.

FEA (The Research Unit of General Practice) can celebrate their 25th anniversary at the end of August, among others the Chairman of the Regional Council, Stephanie Lose, will participate in the celebration.

KC: The unit has been through quite a turbulent time because of the separation of CPOP from our unit. However, we have landed on our feet, and fortunately the research cooperation has worked very well. Embarking on a generational change, e.g. Bernard Jeune will retire at the end of 2018.

Unexpectedly, Lene Christiansen will resign this summer.

KH: There has been a vacancy advertisement for an associate professor, but unfortunately too few applicants. Looking for another solution.

JBN: The Danish Council for Independent Research has awarded grants, and SUND has done well. IST has done really well and has been awarded 3 grants: Tina Kold, Philippe Grandjean and Anton Pottegård.

The Danish Centre for Health Economics (DaCHE) has been awarded 4-5 grants from the Health Foundation.

As PTA mentioned, the unit of Health Promotion are participating in several project applications. Arjo Aro has joined a homepage for several of the major calls. It is a site where you partly can ask for cooperation partners, partly report your own interests. A few lines about competences must be filled in.

Yours sincerely

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