

Executive meeting

Institute of Public Health

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Participants: Arja R. Aro, Jan Sørensen, Kim Brøsen, Kaare Christensen, Philippe Grandjean, Jesper Bo Nielsen

Minute taker Jesper Bo Nielsen (JBN)

Scout SDU Business

Business Developer Mette Toft and Scout Lene Nielsen Aarenstrup SDU Business presented the possibilities available to researchers and research groups at IST. Among other things, the opportunities for collaboration and commercialization with companies including patentability were discussed. Another issue was the number of funds that requires public disclosure of all data.

News from the Institute of Public Health by Jesper Bo Nielsen

MSc in Occupational Therapy is approved and expected to admit students at baseline September 2014.

The background, strategy and prospects for the planned reorganization of the institute were elaborated. It means that three research groups will be established: 1) Rehabilitation and Palliation 2) User involvement 3) Health Economic Evaluation and Register Based Research.

Finances and present research applications

The institute has been imposed 1 % more saving in 2014 by the Faculty. In total, that means 3 %. The motto "Many little things add up to a lot" will be the solution, and a single position will be detention of a new future position. The Research leaders discussed various options to find these resources on an already reduced budget: i.e. reduced annual grant, reduced allocation of the D -VIP funds, enhanced overhead to the Institute, external funding to finance TAP positions.

News from the management team at the Faculty of Health Sciences

Faculty is discussing with the Region of Southern Denmark about the implementation of the regional PhD pool. The deadline for applications is 1 March 2014.

The job structure means that postdocs in the future (only for new entries) can be employed for 4 years. Already employees can continue to be extended up to a maximum of 6 years.

Rector has allocated 4 million DKK for campus development in Esbjerg. The Faculty prioritizes the development of a graduate program in elite sport. IST / Health Promotion has requested 2 positions to strengthen the cooperation with UC South in Esbjerg.

News about staff

Thomas R. Poulsen prolonged for a year as scientific research assistant at Health Promotion.
Steen Gregersen prolonged for a year as Biomedical Laboratory Technologist at EBB.

Around the table

Kaare Christensen reported about the activities of the Academic Council. Kaare has become member of the Research Council.

Kaare informed that a total allocation of 32 million USD, of which approx. 5 million DKK go to activities at SDU in relation to long life.

Jan Sørensen informed about Hindrik Vondeling 's designation as international consultant in China on a project on the development and models for MTV.

Jesper Bo Nielsen informed about Dean Per Michael Johansen's resignation from his position to become rector of the University of Aalborg.