

SUMMARY OF EXECUTIVE MEETING OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH 31 MARCH 2016

1. News from the Department of Public Health

Status budget/economy

The faculty is currently working with a new budget model. It is expected that the budget will be equivalent to last year (but deducted the imposed 2.6% cutbacks by the Faculty).

The annuum will be reduced by 50%, while DVIP funds will remain unchanged.

7 April at the very latest, Rector will announce in general terms how the savings is expected to be executed.

Teaching portfolio

Until July, the Department Secretariat will have an office trainee. She will be visiting 3 research units for a week each, but her principal function will be to assist the Department Secretariat. One of the main tasks she will have to deal with is to update of the researchers' personal sites, including updating curriculum vitae and teaching portfolio.

Department Forum 24 August 2016

The group of heads of research was asked to pinpoint employees who would like to plan or participate in the planning of the Department Forum. Neither content, nor location has been determined. The intention is to complete the Department Forum with a dinner.

Philippe Grandjean suggests nudging in public health to be the recurring theme. Kim Brøsen suggests Leadership with public health.

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

Education programmes

In the Master's Degree programme in medicine several new themes will be introduced: clinical pharmacology, global health and user perspectives.

Guidelines for recruiting talented researchers (details on the SDUnet)

Please note:

- Research positions as of postdoc shall be advertised internationally
- Filling the vacancy will generally require three qualified candidates

Due to the highly specialised areas and specific requirements of academic profile, language skills or experience, the head of department expects a number of exemptions.

Meeting with Rector March 2016

The study progress reform was discussed. The number of months/years it takes for the student will have to be reduced over the next 4-5 years by about 3.6 months. If this is achieved, the SDU's overall budget will not be affected significantly. The time spent on thesis writing, thesis assessment and exams will have to be reduced. In addition requirements to complete BA or MD will be maintained, and if the student does not graduate in due time, his admission will expire.

3. News from Academic Council

The Academic Council has been involved in the budget strategy at the Faculty. They have submitted proposals and justifications for the many possible suggested by the heads of department.

4. Danskundervisning for udenlandske medarbejdere på SDU

SDU requires that international staff is able to teach in Danish after a certain period. Thus, the university has initiated Danish lessons. So far it has been possible to have the cost of Danish lessons reimbursed by the municipality. But the rules for reimbursement have been tightened. It means that the University has to make sure that every new international employee completes 250 lessons in Danish within the first 18 months of employment in order to be able to have the cost re. the Danish lessons reimbursed. The Danish will now be initiated faster than before.

To ensure that the Department (and thus the University) has the proper knowledge of all international staff's level of Danish, the employee will receive an e-mail asking to provide the Department with the necessary information.