

SUMMARY OF EXECUTIVE MEETING OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH 3 NOVEMBER 2016

Participants: Dorte Gyrd-Hansen (DGH), Helle Johannessen (HJ), Kimmo Herttua (KH), Pernille Tanggaard Andersen (PTA), Phillippe Grandjean (PG), Jesper Bo Nielsen (JBN)
Absent: Jens Søndergaard; Kaare Christensen, Jørgen Jespersen

News from the Department

The department secretary leaves at the end of November 2016. She moves on to new challenges outside the University. The Head of Department had been pleased with the cooperation and her way of structuring and systematising assignments in collaboration with the unit secretaries and the central secretariat at the Department. The vacancy announcement will first be posted internally, secondly externally, if there is no internal candidate for the job.

Four part-time positions in health economics are posted - two assistant professors and two associate professors. Interviews will take place before Christmas.

The Department of Public Health has just posted a full-funded PhD Fellow. The PhD project is to be prepared in collaboration with one of the research units and may well include cooperation between several of the research units.

News from the Management Team at the Faculty of Health Sciences

The study progress reform has impact of the budget of the Faculty of Health Sciences, and the budget will come out with a profit of 20 million DKK.

As mentioned in the last head of research meeting, the faculty continues to improve the critical indicators as to the field of public health as to the completion time for Master students and the drop out rats of the Bachelor students.

DIAS has been inaugurated. Each faculty has appointed DIAS chairs. At the Faculty of Health Sciences the DIAS chairs are: Kaare Christensen (Department of Public Health) and Soren Moustrup (Department of Molecular Medicine). As well postdoctoral fellow as assistant professors will be hired and associated with DIAS. The Vice-Chancellor has allocated 1,7 million. DKK to DIAS.

One of the topics of the recent strategy seminar for the Head of Departments of the Faculty was collaboration across departments. Head of the Department of Public Health supports the idea but stresses that cooperation with departments at other faculties also is important, e.g. the department's collaboration with Department of Business and Economics.

The inaugural lectures given by newly hired professors or adjunct professor was also discussed. In order to attract more attention to the inaugural lectures it was considered to change the form.

Tasks and authorities of the head of research unit

It was proposed to have a more formal description of the head of research unit's tasks and authorities. Changes/ comments to the draft will have to be handed in to the Head of Department before 25 November.

Around the table

KB: The Department has been asked to build a pharmacists training programme at Princess Nourah Bint Abdul Rahman University (PNU) in Riyadh in Saudi Arabia. It will be something like the public health programme, offered by The Unit of Health Promotion Research in Esbjerg.

PTA: We are still working on a master's programme in public health in PNU.

DHG is currently participating in the development of the talent programme "Ageing"

PG: Leslie T. Stayner has been appointed adjunct professor of environmental health.