

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH 4 MARCH 2015

Participants Jesper Bo Nielsen, Jens Søndergaard, Kaare Christensen, Lotte Huniche
Arja R. Aro, Jan Sørensen, Philippe Grandjean
Absent: Jørgen Jespersen, Kim Brøsen

News from the Department of Public Health

An organization process on the research units CAST, Health Economics and User perspectives has been initiated. The aim is to strengthen the research and education capacity at the User Perspectives and to clarify the research of health economics and health economic evaluation. Employees from CAST will be transferred to User Perspectives and the remaining to Health Economics. CAST will then be abolished. The process will go on this spring/summer.

In connection with the organizational changes, Head of Research of User Perspectives Lotte Huniche has chosen to surrender the baton to Helle Johannessen. Instead of heading the unit, Lotte will be concentrating on large research projects. Although Lotte has taken part in initiating the organization changes, it will be Helle Johannessen who will be running the changes.

Jesper Bo expressed his thankfulness to Lotte for her efforts the past years as head of research. He was very grateful for her excellent input to a more multi-disciplinary perspective on the discussions at the head of research meetings.

The private institution Research Unit for General Practice had its license from Danmark Statistic revoked for 30 days. A procedure has now been developed to avoid similar situations.

It was discussed whether it was reasonable to have one person responsible for all the licenses, if the Department's access can be revoked for 30 days. Danmarks Statistik demands that only one person is responsible. Perhaps it is possible to suggest a decline in one person's responsibility in relation to the number of approvals. Jesper Bo Nielsen has suggested the possibility of a software program that could stop too small amounts of data. Kaare Christensen suggests inviting Danmarks Statistik to inform the researchers about data features and possible risks.

News about finances

The financial year 2014 ended with a little loss of 3.3 million - slightly better than expected. The department is economically challenged. Therefore it has been decided to reduce the budget in 2015 as to various funds: the internationalization fund, the study account as well as the education account. The hiring of part-time scientific staff has been reduced by 25%, and the departments operating cost has been reduced by some 58%. With these cutbacks, it's not necessary to reduce the number of employees.

News about staff

New staff

CMSS, post.doc. Lulu Hjarnø, external funding, 15.01.2015-14.01.2016

CMSS, post.doc. Hanna Barbara Rasmussen, external funding, 01.01.2015-31.12.2015

EBB, associate professor, Karen Andersen-Ranberg, external funding, 01.01.2015-31.03.2015

Clinical Pharmacology, research assistant, Maja Simonsen, external funding, 01.03.2015-31.05.2015

Health Promotion, research assistant, Charlotte Pettersen, external funding, 01.02.2015-31.01.2016
EBB, post.doc. Jonas Wastesson, ordinary funding, 01.03.2015-29.02.2016
CMSS, research assistant Helle Østergaard, ordinary/ external funding, 01.03.2015-31.07.2015
EBB/Share, office clerk, Katrine Grau Larsen, external funding, 01.02.2015-30.09.2015
EBB/Share, office clerk, Stine Overgaard Høgh, external funding, 01.02.2015-30.09.2015
EBB, assistance professor, Sören Möller, ordinary funding, 01.03.2015-28.02.2018
Clinical Pharmacology, research assistant, Kasper Søltøft, external funding, 01.03.2015-30.04.2015
General Practice, associate professor (5%), Niels Kristian Kjær, ordinary funding, 01.03.2015-
CMSS, research assistant, Helle Østergaard, ordinary/ external funding, 01.03.2015-31.08.2015
Clinical Pharmacology, Data Manager, Morten Olsen, ordinary funding, 01.08.2015-

Vacancy announcements

Post.doc - ergotherapy (75%) – General Practice – deadline 31.03.2015

Associate Professor - ergotherapy (20%) – General Practice – Under assessment

Post.doc. Health Promotion/PNU – Posted – deadline 03.03.2015

Assistant Professor, Health Promotion/PNU – Posted – deadline 03.03.2015

Arja R. Aro asked for a schematic overview of the rules of employing staff

A renewal of the contract in Riaydh (PNU) is being worked on. Another university in Riyadh has contacted SDU in order to establish a research center.

More and more persons are staying at the Department of Public Health without being employed or enrolled as a student. In future all guests researchers or visiting students have to sign a contract from which mutual obligations appear. As well as the head of research as the head of institute will have to sign to approve the stay.

News from the management team at the Faculty of Health Sciences

There are problems with copy pasting the data to the teaching portfolio in PU:RE. Efforts are done to solve the problem. But as it is now, the portfolio will have to be written directly in PU:RE

News on the unit's website

News on the website has to reflect the research activities on the unit – e.g. an interesting story told in a layman's summary – e.g. a summary about Health Promotions collaboration with the Jutland municipalities or Thrombosis' collaboration with the Diabetes Association. When news is posted on the website, please forward a link Ellinor Kruse or Ngaio Ustrup – they will see to a link to the front page.

Department Forum 19. August 2015

Some research units use the opportunity to gather, whereas others are rarely present. Ideas on how to attract all groups of employees to Forum was discussed.

Arja R. Aro: more bottom up information than top down and more interdisciplinary debates involving all employee groups on topics like The Danish Code of Conduct or e.g. ethics

Kaare Christensen: Presentation of e.g. 20-25 posters with 5-6 seniors' responsible debaters at each poster presentation.