

# SUMMARY OF EXECUTIVE MEETING OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH 25 JUNE 2015

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## **News from the Department of Public Health**

Senior researcher Kimmo Herttua has been appointed head of research of Centre of Maritime Health and Society in Esbjerg per 1 September 2015. He has been working as a senior researcher at CMSS since 2014. He is from Finland and has been working at The Finnish Institute of Occupational Health.

The organisation of the graduate programs Midwifery Science, Occupational Therapy and Clinical Nursing has been changed. In future, there'll be a joint director of education and a head of each study program. The director of education will be professor Helle Ploug Hansen. Christine Dalgaard will become head of the cand.scient.san program; so far the program has been handled by Helle Ploug Hansen.

The Ministry of Finance's indexation for 2015 has been too optimistic, and thus affects the universities' economy. The Faculty is examining possible ways of allocating the reduction. In order to meet the cost-cutting requirement, the Department will have to reduce payroll and operating costs by 400,000 DKK. As announced earlier, the general reduction in cost will take place by redistributing payroll costs to external projects.

Professor Helle Johannessen has participated in a meeting regarding the new procedure of research program administration. In future, all research programs will be allocated their own budget - the amount depends on the number of PhD students associated with the program. If a single course within a research program is canceled, it will be possible to organize another course for the amount spared. It allows a more spontaneous planning, as long as the budget is not exceeded

## **News from the management team at the Faculty of Health Sciences**

Focus is on economy. Reductions need to be made all over the organisation. Only very few institutes have not been subject to significant savings.

In Esbjerg a group of employees has been involved in the new campus construction. To Jesper Bo Nielsen and Head Campus Esbjerg, Niels Vestergaard, it is vital that the employees are involved as much as possible. The synergy effects associated with UC in Esbjerg (canteen, IT, library, etc.) have been discussed.

Two new Heads of Department have been appointed:

- Department of Regional Health Research: Ms. Rikke Leth-Larsen
- Department of Forensic Medicine: Mr. Peter Mygind Leth

The Awareness campaign has been completed. 22 out of 1,000 invoices are still to be resolved. And from the outside world the external funds are also beginning to focus on documentation. It is very important that all employees continue to be careful documentation, in particular in connection with meetings and travelling expenses (purpose, list of participants and the full program)

### **News from Academic Council and other committees**

Currently, Kaare Christensen contributes to the development of a website in KOR focusing on the good stories in connection with register research. The group of Head of research suggests involving different patient organizations - they must have a fairly good knowledge of good stories.

Kaare Christensen: In future, the activities in Hans Christian Andersen's Academy will be anchored in "The Danish Institute for Advanced Study". It is uncertain whether the brand of Hans Christian Andersen will remain unchanged.

### **The heads of research's authority**

Helle Johannessen has participated in cooperation with other managers and The Competence Department to draw up a series of questions to identify / define the head of research authority. The research units are very differently organised. A discussion followed – and not everyone was of the same opinion. It was agreed to elaborate further on the most relevant questions to the heads of research.