

SUMMARY OF EXECUTIVE MEETING OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH 29 SEPTEMBER 2016

Time/Place: 29 September 2016 10:00, J. B. Winsløws Vej 9

Participants Dorte Gyrd-Hansen, Helle Johannessen, Jørgen Jespersen, Kimmo Herttua,
Jesper Bo Nielsen

Absent: Jens Søndergaard; Kaare Christensen, Pernille Tanggaard Andersen, Phillippe Grandjean

Education

In 4 years the Student FTE's income has increased from 15,275 million DKK to 21,296 million DKK due to

- More enrolments in the BA programme in public health
- Graduation of candidates in occupational therapy, nursing, midwifery science and pharmacy .
- Study progress reform

New subjects in the Graduate programme in Medicine will be e.g. global health and clinical pharmacology.

The MAXO group will also be involved in teaching

- a newly established demographics course (10ECTS) at the Faculty of Social Sciences
- computer science (Genetic Epidemiology) and
- the talent program on aging.

It is important that every person that teaches report correctly to his or her secretary/coordinator every time a teaching statement is required. If we teach on subjects that the department does not have any share in, the Student FTE it will have to be corrected in a centrally placed database (STADS) – if not, we will not get any credit for it, and it will reflect on the Department's budget. So please, register carefully.

A discussion about bibliometric research indicators followed. For some departments it's the main income, for others (like Department of Public Health) it is not. At the Department of Public Health, it is the externally funding projects. Traditions within the research culture determine where to publish and how to reach the target group.

English course for researchers – see more here: <http://medarbejderkurser.sdu.dk/#event3142>

External funding

The unit secretary must be given a copy of any applications in order to register it. The outcome of the application must also be given to the unit secretary – no matter if it is negative (a refusal) or positive (a grant). A part of the department's budget is based on the number of external funding. In the long run, it will also be possible to target the applications to the grant provider, where the success rate is best or perhaps even realized that different funding possibilities are required.

Economy

The economy is good and the department meets the required savings.

A number of external grants have produced higher profits and it affects IST's equity, but the surplus will not be at the departments' disposal.

Election at the university 2016

The election for governing bodies (eg. The Academic Council) will be held on 22nd to 23rd November 2016. The deadline for submitting lists of candidates is no later than 12 o'clock the 7th November 2016. For more information, see here <http://sdunet.dk/Personale/Valg/Valg-ved-SDU.aspx>

Meeting about the Marie Curie funds takes place 26 October 2016 kl. 12-14 in Meeting Room M at The Social Science Faculty. Read more here: <http://ufm.dk/forskning-og-innovation/tilskud-til-forskning-og-innovation/eu-og-internationale-programmer/eus-forsknings-og-innovationsprogram-horizon-2020/introduktion-til-horizon-2020/forskermobilitet-og-uddannelse>. Remember to sign up by email to Charlotte Nyborg Kristensen (chak@sam.sdu.dk) no later than the 21 Oktober 2016.

PhD students

The Department of Public Health disposes of 13 PhD scholarships every year, but this year the Department has only awarded three. If it turns out that there are any scholarships left, they will be cancelled - potentially permanent. The next closing date is 1 December 2016.

CV/Teaching Portefolio

Improvements have been made – see the list at your unit secretary. Please, proceed with the good work.

Evaluation of Department Forum – 24th August 2016

The status shows that the participants found the programme as well as the content very interesting. Suggestion: Invitation of other Heads of Departments where they put into perspective their department's research to the research of Department of Public Health.

News from the Management Team at the Faculty of Health Sciences

The dropout rate of Bachelor of Science in Public Health has decreased from 26% in 2014 to 14% in 2016. To encourage a further decrease, several steps have been made to clarify why students drop out. The students who fail to attend class will be contacted to be helped to get going or to resign. To reduce the execution time / study the special assignment has be introduced to a maximum period.

Alteration of Head of Research

At the end of the year, Professor Jørgen Jespersen retires as head of Research at the Unit of Thrombosis Research. A process of finding a replacement is going on.