

The PhD committee



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Forum The PhD committee

SCIENCE RESEARCH AND
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PHD SECTION

Meeting held: 7 December 2017 from 13.30 – 15.30

Place: Meeting room BAMS, Nordre Sti 1, Frederiksberg

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Secretary: Michael Cleve Hansen

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Present:

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1) Agenda

The agenda was approved.

2) Approval of minutes from the meeting 28 September 2017

The minutes were approved.

3) Announcements

Tone: Tone, who is the SCIENCE PhD student member of ph.d.-KUFIR will – together with PhD students from the other UCPH faculties, attend a meeting next week with the vice chancellor of UCPH. At the meeting, the general “student conditions” will be discussed and specifically they will address the “employment conditions” for foreign students who are granted a stipend from their home country that typically sets them financially back compared to their fellow students who happens to be regular employed as PhD fellows by UCPH. What, if anything, can be done to equal this difference?

Tone also announced that a group of PhD students are working on establishing a national network for PhD students.

Finally, Tone raised a question on mandatory representation of PhD students in relevant university boards, e.g. Akademisk Råd and Institutbestyrelser.

As it is today, PhD students have to “compete” with post docs and senior scientific staff members for seats in most boards and organs.

4) Status on the new PhD administrative system

The implementation of the new PhD administrative system – PhD Planner - is still on track and the system is currently tested. If everything goes well, and according to plan, PhD Planner will be released in the beginning of February 2018.

5) The Action and Development Plan for the PhD school, 2017-2019

Tone and Kell presented a compilation of the five chapters that addresses the topics of the future ADP. The committee discussed the draft ADP and concluded to transfer the content into a common template – the one used for the ADP 2014-16 added a “status column” - and exclude redundant information.

In the beginning of January 2018, the authors will circulate the rewritten draft chapters to their fellow members of the current PhD committee who will respond and provide feedback as soon as possible.

The committee will have a meeting late February 2018 to finalize the ADP for 2018 - 2020.

6) Insurance of PhD students

Only PhD students employed as PhD scholars by UCPH are covered by the university's self-insurance. Non-employed PhD students need to take out their own accident and liability insurance.

The PhD school inform new PhD students about this in the welcome letter and will also make an announcement on the website – possibly inspired by University of Aarhus that offers a substantial description of insurance related matters on their web.

7) Status on the 2018 election for the PhD committee

Unfortunately, only one PhD student was officially elected. The PhD section will contact the heads of department, the PhD coordinators and PhD secretaries at the departments to ask for assistance to fill the empty chairs.

8) Any other business

None.