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Forum: The PhD committee

Meeting held: 24 May 2018 from 14.00 – 16.00

Place: Meeting room BAMS, Nordre Sti 1, Frederiksberg

Secretary: Michael Cleve Hansen

Present:
Anine Laura Borger, Christian Gamborg, Espen Bing Svendsen, Kell Mortensen, Lene Mariager (substitute for David B. Collinge), Michael Cleve Hansen, Morten Pejrup, Stylianos Bakoulis, Ann Winther Poulsen, Anja Heidi Fløytrup, Signe Ropeid Arildsen (guests)

Apologies:
Anton Grønne Kühl, David B. Collinge, James Connelly, Ryszard Nest, Søren Wengel Mogensen, Sunny Mosangzi

Agenda:
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2) Appointing the vice-chair of the PhD committee (a PhD student elected by and among the PhD students of the PhD committee)
3) Minutes from the meeting 1 March 2018
4) Announcements
5) Status on new PhD administration system by Morten Pejrup
6) The Action and development plan for the PhD school, 2018-2020 (Enclosure 18/07)
7) Planning the annual residential workshop of the PhD school
8) Any other business
1) Agenda
The agenda was approved.

2) Appointing the vice-chair of the PhD committee
Stylianos Bakoulis was appointed as vice-chair of the PhD committee.

3) Approval of minutes from the meeting 1 March 2018
The minutes were approved.

4) Announcements
Morten: The IT University has proposed a change of the ministerial order on PhD education that will allow PhD students who have handed in the PhD thesis to stay enrolled as PhD students until they pass the defence. The reason for the suggested modification is that foreign PhD students who have to re-write the PhD thesis should be allowed to stay in Denmark until the defence has taken place. The current regulation on this field only allow foreign students to stay in Denmark 6 months after the thesis has been submitted.

Esben: On 8 March 2018, all PhD students at SCIENCE were invited to the constitutional meeting (stiftende generalforsamling) of the new PhD network at the faculty. Thus, the PhD network is now up and running.

5) Status on the new PhD administrative system
The new PhD administrative system – PhD Planner – was implemented at all twelve departments 9 April 2018. Unfortunately, not all functionalities are currently up and running, but all involved staff (at all levels) is working hard on solving the trials and errors.

On a regular basis, the PhD section will inform the students and scientific staff about the status of functionalities that is malfunctioning.

6) The Action and Development Plan for the PhD school, 2018-2020
The committee discussed and finalized the five chapters that addresses the topics of the future ADP. Subsequently, it will be finally approved by Kell Mortensen and Morten Pejrup, uploaded on the webpage of the PhD school, and further discussed and handled at the annual workshop of the PhD school.

7) Planning the annual workshop of the PhD school
The annual workshop will be residential – lunch to lunch – and focus on at least two major topics: Evaluation of the new PhD system PhD Planner and follow-up on the ADP.
It will take place 19 – 20 September 2018 at Glostrup Parkhotel and 80 seats is reserved.

The PhD committee and the head of the PhD school host the workshop.

The meeting will also be open for VILF’s, employees from the PhD section, PhD students, PhD coordinators and PhD secretaries from the departments.

The programme will consist of plenary sessions (speeches and discussions) and workshops on relevant topics and the participants will of course enjoy the benefits from the networking activities as well as being able to influence the future development of the PhD school.

A working group consisting of Anine Laura Borger, Christian Gamborg, Esben Bing Svendsen, Kell Mortensen and Stylianos Bakoulis will write the programme. Anja Heidi Fløytrup from the PhD section will assist the working group.

To recruit PhD students, PhD coordinators and PhD secretaries from the departments, a “teaser” invitation will be forwarded to all of them. The seats will go to the ones that sign up the quickest – first come – first served, but it has not yet been decided how many from each category that will be selected.

The “teaser invitation” will be sent out in week 23 incl. Doodle links and the following “sales points” were agreed upon by the PhD committee:

- PhD supervision
- Work environment
- Cross disciplinary activities

8) Any other business
None.