

**Meeting on: 11 November 2022 from 11.00-12.00**

**Minutes**

**Place: 1443-340**

**PhD committee meeting**

**Participants:** Helena Skyt Nielsen (chair, ECON), Torsten Kolind (SOCSCIBUS), Allan Gross (Observer, BTECH), Dorthe Kirkegaard Thomsen (PSY), Birte Asmuß (MGMT), Susanne Kier (LAW), Helene Helboe Pedersen (PS), Søren Arvig Verdoner (PhD representative LAW, observer), Yibin Chang (alternate PhD representative PSY), Simon Fuglsang (PhD representative, SOCSCIBUS, observer), Juliane Möllmann (Vice-chair, PhD representative, MGMT), Niels Mejlgaard (PhD School Head), Randi Groslier Bjælde (Aarhus BSS HR & PhD)

**Absent:** Christina Munkholm Andersen (PhD representative, ECON), Ashraf Rachid (PhD representative, PS), Kristoffer Holm (PhD representative BTECH, observer)

**1. Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved without comments.

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**2. Approval of observer**

Søren Arvig Verdoner (observer, LAW) was approved as observer.

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**3. Briefing on the enrolment and recruitment of PhD students following the round of applications in autumn 2022** by Niels Mejlgaard (5 min)

A total of 309 applications were received for the autumn of 2022 open call, and 57 applicants were assessed as qualified. This time 24 candidates are recommended for enrolment with grants, distributed as follows: ECON (5), LAW (1), MGMT (4), PS (4), PSY (4), BTECH (4), SOCSCIBUS (2). 20,67 of these are financed by the graduate school, 3,33 is externally funded. The intake of new PhD students is lower than usual due to the current financial constraints.

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Of the candidates offered enrolment, 16 are female and 8 are male. Approximately 38% are international candidates, and two candidates are offered enrolment in the 4 year scheme. Most of the candidates will be enrolled as per 1 February 2023.

The briefing on enrolment and recruitment in autumn 2023 was noted.

**4. Brief follow up on APV initiatives at the departments specifically for PhD students** by programme chairs (20 min)

Local initiatives were presented by the programme chairs. Initiatives concerning integration and social events to prevent loneliness and stress were recurring.

**5. Brief discussion about ways to rethink mobility requirements, e.g. research stay abroad, for early career researchers; to feed into the preparation of the 2023-25 Aarhus BSS action plan for diversity, equality and inclusion** by Niels Mejlgaard (15 min)

Aarhus University is preparing the 2023-25 action plan for diversity, equality and inclusion. Aarhus BSS Research and Equality Committee will, among other things, discuss initiatives for early career researchers, including mobility. The PhD committee gave inputs for the discussion. The graduate school head will bring the inputs forward in the discussion in Aarhus BSS Research and Equality Committee.

**6. Brief discussion about potential activities relating to the recent “Don’t steal my work” campaign by Niels Mejlgaard (15 min)**

The committee discussed what could be done to prevent issues between PhD students and their supervisor in relation to the campaign “Don’t steal my work”. The issue is part of the new RCR course all PhD students must take, as well as the course in PhD supervision. An awareness of the issue on department level was advised.

**7. Written briefings enclosed on decisions made by the graduate school head upon delegation from the PhD committee at the constituent meeting in January 2022:**

Appendix 1a: dissertation assessment committee(s) appointed since last meeting

Appendix 1b: course(s) approved since last meeting

Appendix 1c: merit(s) approved since last meeting

A new procedure for presentation of briefings on decisions made by the graduate school head upon delegation from the PhD committee at the constituent meeting in January 2022 was presented. The recommendation was that the briefings will be presented in writing only. In case the PhD committee has any questions to one or more of the briefings it will be possible to address this at the meeting.

The new procedure was approved.

**8. Any other business**

Remember the AU elections next week where the PhD student members of the PhD committee will be elected.

Follow up on the well-being initiatives. All applications for funding from the USM grant towards well-being initiatives has been meet, either partial or in full.

The “What if...” page is now available at the staff pages under PhD. More questions are welcome.

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