

**Meeting on: 23 Marts 2022 from 10:00 - 12:00**

**Place: 1447-214**

**PhD committee meeting**

**Agenda**

**Participants:** Helena Skyt Nielsen (ECON), Torsten Kolind (SOCSCIBUS), Torben Andersen (BTECH), Dorthe Kirkegaard Thomsen (PSY), Birte Asmuß (MGMT), Susanne Kier (LAW), Christoffer Green-Pedersen (PS), Christina Munkholm Andersen (PhD representative, ECON), Kacper Jan Zajac (PhD representative, LAW), Ashraf Rachid (PhD representative, PS), Yibin Chang (alternate PhD representative PSY), Simon Fuglsang (PhD representative, SOCSCIBUS, observer), Juliane Möllmann (Vice-chair, PhD representative, MGMT), Niels Mejlgard (PhD School Head), Randi Groslier Bjælde (Aarhus BSS HR & PhD)

**Absent:** Kristoffer Holm (PhD representative BTECH, observer),

**1. Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved without comments.

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**2. Briefing on new Programme Chairs for PS and BTECH as recommended by the Department Heads** by Niels Mejlgard

The Department of Political Science has decided that professor Helene Helboe Pedersen takes over the position of Programme Chair from professor Christoffer Green-Pedersen from 1 March 2022.

The Department of Business Development and Technology has decided that professor Allan Gross takes over the position of Programme Chair from associate professor Torben Andersen from 1 April 2022.

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Both Torben Andersen and Christoffer Green-Pedersen has renounced their position in the PhD committee and no replacements were elected during the AU elections 2020. As neither of the new Programme Chairs has been elected to the PhD committee, they will be present at PhD committee meetings as observers with no voting rights. The next election for VIP representatives to the PhD committee will be in 2023.

Appendix 1: composition of BTECH and PS PhD field committees (*awaits approval by the Academic Counsel, ref*)

The briefing was noted.

**3. Appointment of new chair of the PhD committee** (recommendation to the Dean)

As the current chair of the PhD committee Christoffer Green-Pedersen has renounced his position in the PhD committee, a new chair of the PhD committee must be appointed among the elected VIP members.

PhD programme chair Helena Skyt Nielsen (ECON) was elected as chair and PhD student Juliane Möllmann (MGMT) was elected to continue as vice-chair of the PhD committee. A recommendation on the composition of the PhD committee has been approved by the Dean.

**4. Briefing on the current situation at Aarhus BSS Graduate School due to COVID-19** by Niels Mejlgaard

A short briefing on the current status for exemptions and extensions was given by NM. Requests for either extensions or exemptions regarding research environment change stays are continuously coming in and are still handled individually case by case. Currently, 42 applications for extension of enrolment and employment has been received; 2 are in process, 27 has been fully or partially granted and 12 has been rejected. This amounts to app. 60 months extension, in the range from 14 days to six months. The PhD school administration has not received any new applications for dispensation from 30 ECTS since the summer of 2020. A total of 93 dispensations for research environment change has been granted. In case of research environment change, all dispensations contained either a suggestion for a stay in Denmark or some sort of virtual element. (*Data per 23 Marts 2022, ref.*)

The briefing was noted.

**5. Briefing on the enrolment and recruitment of PhD students following the round of applications in spring 2022** by Niels Mejlgaard

The normal amount of applications were received this round in contrast to the last round were fewer applications were received. A total of 360 applications were received for the winter of 2022 open call, and 61 applicants were assessed as qualified. This time 27 candidates are recommended for enrolment with grants, distributed as follows: ECON (7), LAW (1), MGMT (3), PS (6), PSY (4), BTECH (3), SOCSCIBUS (2). 24.5 of these are financed by the graduate school, 2.5 is externally funded.

Of the candidates offered enrolment, 14 are female and 13 are male. Approximately 50% are international candidates, and two candidates are offered enrolment in the 4 year scheme. Most of the candidates will be enrolled as per 1 September 2022.

The briefing on enrolment and recruitment in winter 2022 was noted.

**6. Briefing on the dissertation assessment committees appointed for the period from 10 January 2022 14 March 2022** by the chair

Appendix 2: Assessment committees in the period 10 January 2022 to 14 March 2022

The briefing on assessment committees appointed for the period from 10 January 2022 to 14 March 2022 was noted.

7. **Briefing on courses approved since the last meeting** by the chair  
Appendix 3: Case presentation on courses approved between 10 January 2022 and 14 marts 2022.

Appendix 3a: Topics in the Applied Econometrics of Program Evaluation

Between 10 January 2022 and 14 Marts 2022 one course has been approved:  
Topics in the Applied Econometrics of Program Evaluation (ECON, 2 ECTS)

The briefing on courses approved since the last meeting was noted.

8. **Briefing on merit approved since the last meeting** by Niels Mejlgaard  
The briefing on merit approved since the last meeting was noted.

9. **Discussion of “Follow-up plan related to the 2021 KIP and international evaluation” draft** by Niels Mejlgaard

At the PhD committee meeting in January 2022 the following plan for follow-up on the 2021 KIP and international evaluation was agreed upon:

- January-beginning of Marts: small meetings between the PhD school head and an administrative representative with
  - o representatives of the PhD students
  - o the PhD field committees
- ➔ draft of follow-up plan
- end Marts: a meeting in connection with the next PhD committee meeting where a final follow-up plan must be decided upon.

Appendix 4: Follow\_up\_plan\_bss\_draft

The draft of the follow-up plan was discussed in details and suggestions were noted. The final version of the follow-up plan will be ready before the end of April.

10. **Discussion of “On-boarding programme” draft from “Follow-up plan related to the 2021 KIP and international evaluation”** by Niels Mejlgaard

Appendix 5: On-boarding programme\_draft

The draft of the on-boarding programme was discussed in details and suggestions were noted. The final version of the on-boarding programme will be ready at the same time as the follow-up plan, before the end of April.



**11. Any other business**  
No further business

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