

**Meeting on: 23 May 2022 from 8.30-9.30**

**Place: 1447-221**

**PhD committee meeting**

**Minutes**

**Participants:** Helena Skyt Nielsen (chair, 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), Lea Pradella (alternate PhD representative, PS), Yibin Chang (alternate PhD representative PSY), Simon Fuglsang (PhD representative, SOCSCIBUS, observer), Juliane Möllmann (Vice-chair, PhD representative, MGMT), Kristoffer Holm (PhD representative BTECH, observer), Niels Mejlgaard (PhD School Head), Randi Groslier Bjælde (Aarhus BSS HR & PhD)

**Absent:** Ashraf Rachid (PhD representative, PS),

Aarhus BSS HR & Ph.d.

**1. Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved without comments.

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Date: 21 June 2022

**2. Briefing about the “Follow-up plan related to the 2021 KIP and international evaluation” and “Onboarding programme for Aarhus BSS Graduate School” by Niels Mejlgaard**

Presentation of the final documents relating to the 2021 KIP and international evaluation. The documents have been revised and finalized based on the discussions during the last meeting as well as written comments on the second draft.

Appendix 1: Follow\_up\_plan\_bss\_final

Appendix 1a: On-boarding programme\_final

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The follow-up plan related to the 2021 KIP and international evaluation is now final and the three themes - On-boarding, career planning and communication – will be implemented according to the timeline presented. The new on-boarding programme will be made available on the website and will be implemented no later than autumn 2022 to be ready for the new PhD students starting 1. September 2022. The on-boarding programme can also be used by all students already enrolled.

The briefing was noted.

**3. Briefing about the “Well-being funds for PhD students” by Niels Mejlgaard**

The University Senior Management Team has decided to allocate University Management's Strategic Funds (USM) to activities enhancing well-being of PhD students.

Appendix 2: case presentation well-being funds

The funds are allocated to initiatives that have a preventive effect on loneliness and dissatisfaction. The initiative focuses on the reception and integration of the PhD students and on the cultural and social support of the PhD process.

USM has allocated DKK 160.000 to Aarhus BSS Graduate School, to be used as follows:

- in 2022, DKK 80,000
- in 2023, DKK 80,000

These funds can be used for initiatives presented by the PhD students, PhD supervisors and/or the PhD programmes. A template for suggestions for well-being activities will be provided by the Graduate School. The deadline for submission of applications for the 2022 funds is 31. August 2022. All suggestions should be submitted to [rgb@au.dk](mailto:rgb@au.dk). Allocation of funds will hereafter be decided by the Graduate School Head. Initiatives that go across PhD programmes and/or Graduate Schools will be prioritized.

The briefing was noted.

#### 4. **Brief discussion about the APV results for PhD students at Aarhus BSS**

Appendix 3: Case presentation and APV process plan for Aarhus BSS

Appendix 3a: APV Aarhus BSS graduate school 2022

The 2022 APV results falls in line with the 2021 KIP and international evaluation – a considerable amount of PhD student's experience issues with stress, loneliness, insecurities about own abilities to carry out a PhD project and to some extent inappropriate behavior and discrimination. These elements should be discussed during the local dialogue meetings at the departments.

#### 5. **Short briefing about the recent covid-19 situation** by Niels Mejlgaard

Requests for either extensions or exemptions regarding research environment change stays are continuously coming in and are still handled individually case by case. Currently, 44 applications for extension of enrolment and employment has been received; 2 are in process, 29 has been fully or partially granted and 12 has been rejected. This amounts to app. 73 months extension, in the range from 14 days to six months. A total of 93 dispensations for research environment change has been granted. (*Data per 16 May 2022, ref.*)

The briefing was noted.

#### 6. **Briefing on the quarterly report for Quarter 1 2022** by Niels Mejlgaard

Appendix 4: PhD quarterly report Q1 2022.

The briefing was noted.

7. **Briefing on the dissertation assessment committees appointed for the period from 14 March 2022 to 10 May 2022** by the chair  
Appendix 5: Assessment committees in the period from 10 Marts 2021 to 17 June 2021

The briefing was noted.

8. **Briefing on courses approved since the last meeting** by the chair  
Appendix 6: Case presentation on courses approved between 14 March 2022 and 10 May 2022.  
Appendix 6a: Statistical inference

The briefing was noted.

9. **Any other business**  
No other business.

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