

Meeting on: 4 November 2019 from 11:00-12:00

Place: 1443-340

PhD Committee meeting

Minutes

Participants: Torsten Kolind (chair, SOCSIBUS), Peter Krøjgaard (PSY), Helena Skyt Nielsen (ECON), Lars Frederiksen (MGMT), Søren Højgaard Mørup (LAW), Torben Andersen (observer, BTECH) Sophie Wohlert Kjær (PhD representative, PSY), Amalie Trangbæk (observer, PS), Cecilie Marie Løchte Jørgensen (observer, ECON), Per Baltzer Overgaard, Randi Groslier Bjælde (Aarhus BSS HR & PhD)

Absent: Lea Hansen (PhD representative, MGMT), Eva Rye Johansen (PhD representative, ECON), Lasse Schmidt Hansen (PhD representative, PS), Peter Istrup (observer, LAW), Christoffer Green-Pedersen (PS), Birte Asmuß (BCOM), Allan Rye Lyngs (PhD representative, SOCSIBUS)

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1. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved without comments.

2. Approval of observer

Torben Andersen (BTECH), Amalie Trangbæk (PS), Cecilie Marie Løchte Jørgensen (ECON) were approved as observers.

- 3. Briefing on the enrolment and recruitment of PhD students following the round of applications in autumn 2019** by Per Baltzer Overgaard
- A total of 256 applications were received for the autumn of 2019 open call, and 46 applicants were assessed as qualified. 29 candidates are recommended for enrolment with grants, distributed as follows: ECON (6), LAW (2 *(and 1 with scholarship from LAW, ref)*), MGMT (6), PS (4), PSY (6), BTECH (3), SOCSIBUS (2). Furthermore, five candidates were recommended for enrolment within the autumn 2019 special calls, of these 1.33 will be financed by the graduate school.

Through a longer period of time, the number of active PhD students enrolled at the graduate school were 50/50 male/female. In the last two application rounds, more male than female candidates were enrolled. Of the recommended candidates in the current application round, 50% were male and 50% female. This will continue to be a point of attention in the coming application rounds.

Approximately 1/3 are international candidates and the majority of the candidates will be enrolled as per 1 February 2020.

In this application round only two will be enrolled in the 4+4 scheme.

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The briefing on enrolment and recruitment in autumn 2019 was noted.

4. Briefing on the quarterly report for Quarter 3 2019

Appendix 1: Quarterly report for Q3 2019.

Since Q2 the BTECH programme has been established and will thus be present in the quarterly report from this point onward. In Q4, students enrolled at Social Science and Business with connection to Department of Business Development and Technology will be offered transfer to the BTECH programme. The effect of this will be present in the next quarterly report. The briefing on the quarterly report for Quarter 3 2019 was noted.

5. Briefing on the dissertation assessment committees appointed for the period from 9 August 2019 to 28 October 2019.

Appendix 2: Assessment committees in the period from 9 August 2019 to 28 October 2019.

There is a focus on the male/female ratio in the assessment committees. Helena Skyt Nielsen commented that it is important not to “overuse” the women as they are often asked to be part of assessment committees because they are women, leading to too much time spent in assessment committees instead of doing the research needed for possible promotion. Furthermore, the PhD committee had a short discussion of impartiality requirements concerning assessment committee members; normal rules of eligibility applies, as in the appointment of assessment committees in connection with recruitment at AU.

The briefing on assessment committees appointed for the period from 9 August 2019 to 28 October 2019 was noted.

6. Briefing on courses approved since the last meeting

Appendix 3: Case presentation on courses approved between August and November 2019.

Appendix 3a: Research processes in Operations Research with applications in Logistics

Between August and November 2019 one course has been approved: Research processes in Operations Research with applications in Logistics (ECON, 5 ECTS), a revised course. The briefing on courses approved since the last meeting was noted.

The PhD school head reminded the PhD committee that the approval of PhD courses has been delegated by the committee to the PhD school head, hence the committee should take extra note of this point on the agenda.

7. Briefing on the APV summary for Aarhus BSS Graduate School from the last meeting

Appendix 4: APV summary for Aarhus BSS Graduate School (in Danish)

A short discussion of the APV summary and what the programmes see as focus points to improve in the next APV.

8. Any other business

- MGMT brought fort that many PhD students at MGMT wish to take online courses, and asked for advice on how to handle approval of these. The consensus was that approval and ECTS depends on the amount of work needed to pass the course, equal to ordinary PhD courses. Hence, approval of online courses will be based on the same criteria as other PhD courses at the graduate school.
- The students asked to the rules for taking master courses vs PhD courses as 4+4 students at the different PhD programmes, as this seems to differ a lot. As the 4+4 students need to complete a Masters degree programme concurrently with a PhD education they must follow the normal academic regulations for the masters degree programme (pre-PhD programme) they are following. As the academic regulations are very different it is very difficult to compare between programmes.
The development and revisal of academic regulations at Aarhus BSS is further described at the following link (ref): <https://medarbejdere.au.dk/en/faculties/business-and-social-sciences/quality-assurance-practice-for-education-at-aarhus-bss/2-structure-and-process/academic-regulations-and-course-catalogue/>

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