

Meeting on: 23 January 2020 from 11:00-12:00

Place: 1443-240

Constituent meeting in the PhD Committee

Minutes

Participants: Torsten Kolind (chair, SOCSCIBUS), Peter Krøjgaard (PSY), Lars Frederiksen (MGMT), Birte Asmuß (BCOM), Søren Højgaard Mørup (LAW), Christoffer Green-Pedersen (PS), Anne Christine Rosfeldt Lorentzen (observer, MGMT), Sophie Wohler Kjør (PhD representative, PSY), Peter Istrup (PhD representative, LAW), Allan Rye Lyngs (PhD representative, SOCSCIBUS), Emily Rose Tangsgaard Christensen (PhD representative, PS), Kristoffer Holst Ibsen (PhD representative, ECON), Pernille Clausen (Observer, BTECH), Per Baltzer Overgaard, Randi Groslier Bjælde (Aarhus BSS HR & PhD)

Absent: Torben Andersen (BTECH), Helena Skyt Nielsen (ECON), Lea Vindvad Hansen (PhD representative, MGMT)

1. **Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved without comments.

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2. **Briefing on the work of the PhD committee by chair Torsten Kolind**

Chair Torsten Kolind gave a short briefing on the work of the PhD committee with reference to the University Act § 16 b, the PhD order and the standard rules of procedure for PhD committees at Aarhus University (<https://www.au.dk/om/organisation/regelsamling/styrelse-administration/01/2008-au4/> in Danish only).

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The PhD Committee has an advisory function to the PhD School Head, and PhD School Head Per Baltzer Overgaard (PBO) called on all Committee members to bring questions and topics of importance to the PhD programmes to the attention of the Committee.

3. **Appointment of chair and vice-chair of the PhD committee** (recommendation to the Dean)

PhD programme chair Helena Skyt Nielsen (ECON) was elected in absentia as chair and PhD student Lea Hansen (BCOM) was elected in absentia as vice-chair of the PhD committee. Both have approved their candidacy prior to the meeting. A recommendation on the composition of the PhD committee has been sent to the Dean (*approved, ref.*).

4. **Approval of observers**

Pernille Clausen (Observer, BTECH), Anne Christine Rosfeldt Lorentzen (observer, MGMT).

5. **The Head of the PhD School's authority to approve PhD courses and merit applications until 31 January 2020 as well as the authority to recommend assessment committees to the Dean until 31 January 2020 (by recommendation from the Programme Chairs).**

The PhD Committee delegated the competence to approve PhD courses and merit applications, as well as the authority to recommend dissertation assessment committees to the Dean, to the PhD School Head. This has been the practice since the formation of the PhD school at Aarhus BSS. If the PhD committee gives the PhD School Head this authority, the PhD committee will be informed about approved courses, merit applications and appointed assessment committees in connection with ordinary meetings.

6. **Briefing on PhD numbers for 2019** by Per Baltzer Overgaard

Appendix 1a: report for Q1-4

Appendix 1b: report for 2019

The reports for Q1-4 and 2019 were noted. Due to a mistake in the report for 2019, a new version is sent to the PhD committee members. A question was raised as to what the term "bevilget orlov" in the quarterly report covers. "Bevilget orlov" covers maternity and sickness leave as well as part-time leave and leave without pay. Applications for part-time and leave without pay is considered from case to case, and will not always be granted. Upon application, leave for "borgerligt ombud" will be considered.

7. **Briefing on dissertation assessment committees appointed for the period from 28 October 2019 to 15 January 2020**

Appendix 2: Assessment committees in the period from 28 October 2019 to 15 January 2020

The briefing on assessment committees appointed for the period from 28 October 2019 to 15 January 2020 was noted. Per Baltzer Overgaard (PBO) commented on the gender balance as this is a focus point for Rector's Office in general. Lately the gender balance has been reasonable, but it is still a point of focus.

8. **Briefing on courses approved since the last meeting** by Per Baltzer Overgaard

Appendix 3: Case presentation on courses approved between 28 October 2019 and 15 January 2020.

Appendix 3a: Research Frontiers in Economics

Appendix 3b: Introduction to stochastic programming

Appendix 3c: PhD seminar on political and organizational ethnography

As per 28 October 2019 and 15 January 2020 three courses has been approved: Research Frontiers in Economics (ECON, 2 ECTS points per course for up to

five courses, i.e. up to 10 ECTS in total), Introduction to stochastic programming (ECON, 5 ECTS), and PhD seminar on political and organizational ethnography (PS, 5 ECTS). The briefing on courses approved since the last meeting was noted, although the course “Research Frontiers in Economics” was questioned. It was decided to talk about course types at the next meeting, as the programme chair from ECON, Helena Skyt Nielsen was absent at the meeting.

9. **Briefing on PhD field committees as recommended by the Department Heads for the period 1 February 2019 to 31 January 2020**

Appendix 3: recommendation for PhD field committees (recommendation for the Academic Counsel)

The briefing on the recommendation for PhD field committees for the period 1 February 2020 to 31 January 2021 was noted. The gender balance in the PS field committee was noted to consist of a majority of men. The programme chair for PS, Christoffer Green-Pedersen, commented that PS commented that the committee was chosen to ensure a broad representation of fields as to be able to evaluate all incoming applications.

10. **Briefing on the 2020 meeting schedule for the PhD committee**

Typically, a meeting is planned in connection to the enrolment and recruitment of PhD students following the open call for applications twice a year, and a constituent meeting in January. The next meeting will be held on 30 Marts 2020, following the application round with deadline 18 February 2020. If relevant, other meetings can be scheduled.

11. **Any other business**

No other business.

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