

Meeting on: 30 Marts 2020 from 11:00-12:00

Place: skype meeting

Meeting in the PhD Committee

Minutes

Participants: Helena Skyt Nielsen (Chair, ECON), Torsten Kolind (SOCSCIBUS), Peter Krøjgaard (PSY), Lars Frederiksen (MGMT), Birte Asmuß (BCOM), Søren Højgaard Mørup (LAW), Christoffer Green-Pedersen (PS), Torben Andersen (observer, BTECH), Emily Rose Tangsgaard Christensen (PhD representative, PS), Kristoffer Holst Ibsen (PhD representative, ECON), Peter Istrup (PhD representative, LAW), Lea Vindvad Hansen (PhD representative, MGMT), Allan Rye Lyngs (PhD representative, SOCSIBUS), Sophie Wohlert Kjær (PhD representative, PSY), Pernille Clausen (observer, BTECH), Per Baltzer Overgaard, Randi Groslier Bjælde (Aarhus BSS HR & PhD)

Absent:

Aarhus BSS HR & PhD

Ref.: rgb

Date: 3 April 2020

1. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved without comments.

2. Briefing on the current situation at Aarhus BSS Graduate School due to COVID-19 by Per Baltzer Overgaard

The current COVID-19 situation was discussed and it was announced that a general AU FAQ for PhD related questions is coming as soon as possible (*is now available here: <https://medarbejdere.au.dk/en/corona/for-phd-students/>, ref.*). The overall answer to questions in the FAQ is as follows: contact your supervisor and discuss how to work around the situation. If no work around is possible, the matter should be brought before the Head of Aarhus BSS Graduate School as per usual. The COVID-19 situation in itself is not enough argumentation.

3. Briefing on the enrolment and recruitment of PhD students following the round of applications in spring 2020 by Per Baltzer Overgaard

The original plan for the current application round has been followed in spite of the current COVID-19 situation and a record number of applicants in this round. A total of 481 applications were received for the spring of 2020 open call, and 88 applicants were assessed as qualified. 31 candidates are recommended for enrolment with grants, distributed as follows: ECON (8), LAW (5), MGMT (5), PS (4), PSY (4), BTECH (3), SOCSCIBUS (2). Of these 28, 5 is expected to be financed by the graduate school. Furthermore, one candidate was recommended for enrolment at the spring 2020 special call, 100% external financing.

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Through a longer period of time, the number of active PhD students enrolled at the graduate school were 50/50 male/female. This was not the case in the autumn 2018 and spring 2019 application rounds. In the last application round the ratio was again 50/50 male/female. Of the recommended candidates in the current application round, 18 were male and 14 female. This will continue to be a point of attention in the coming application rounds.

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

In this application round 5 candidates will be enrolled in the 4+4 scheme.

The briefing on enrolment and recruitment in spring 2020 was noted.

4. Briefing on the dissertation assessment committees appointed for the period from 15 January 2020 to 16 Marts 2020.

Appendix 1: Assessment committees in the period 15 January 2020 to 16 Marts 2020

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5. Briefing on courses approved since the last meeting

Appendix 2: Case presentation on courses approved between January 2020 and Marts 2020

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Appendix 2a: PhD course on Political Behaviour

Appendix 2b: Directed Search and Asset Markets

Between January and Marts 2020 two courses has been approved: PhD course on Political Behavior (PS, 5 ECTS), and Directed Search and Asset Markets (ECON, 2 ECTS).

PS explained upon request the setup of their course where PhD students, as experts in their field, teach other PhD students. A VIP is always present at the sessions and has the responsibility of the sessions academic quality and level. Furthermore, a VIP is overall responsible for the course.

It was commented that the course from ECON has been postponed due to the COVID-19 situation, as it was supposed to take place in April.

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6. Briefing on merit approved since last meeting

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7. Any other business

A question was raised concerning applicants that have already started a PhD education at another University and now applies for transferal. If these candidates are recommended for enrolment, it will be considered case by case how much time they need to finish (how close they are to finish?) their PhD education. It is noted that the PhD education is an education to become a researcher. Hence, candidates that do not already possess these qualifications will be prioritized over candidates who already has completed or is close to completion of a PhD education elsewhere.

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