

Meeting on: 5 April 2019 from 11:00-12:00

Place: 1443-340

PhD Committee meeting

Minutes

Participants: Peter Krøjgaard (chair, PSY), Helena Skyt Nielsen (ECON), Torsten Kolind (SOCSCIBUS), Lars Frederiksen (MGMT), Birte Asmuß (BCOM), Søren Højgaard Mørup (LAW), Christoffer Green-Pedersen (PS), Lea Hansen (PhD representative, BCOM), Eva Rye Johansen (PhD representative, ECON), Kristiane Elisabeth Meltvedt (temporary observer, LAW), Allan Rye Lyngs (PhD representative, SOCSIBUS), Lasse Schmidt Hansen (PhD representative, PS), Per Baltzer Overgaard, Randi Groslier Bjælde (Aarhus BSS HR & PhD)

Absent: Sophie Wohlert Kjær (PhD representative, PSY), Catalin Mihai Stancu (Observer, MGMT)

1. **Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved without comments.

2. **Approval of observer**

Kristiane Elisabeth Meltvedt (temporary observer, LAW) was approved as observer

3. **Briefing on the enrolment and recruitment of PhD students following the round of applications in winter 2019** by Per Baltzer Overgaard

A total of 340 applications were received for the winter of 2019 open call, and 61 applicants were assessed as qualified. 34 candidates are recommended for enrolment with grants, distributed as follows: ECON (12), LAW(2), MGMT (6), PS (7), PSY (3), SOCSCIBUS (4). Furthermore, five candidates are recommended for enrolment with grants within the winter 2019 special calls. Of the recommended candidates 2/3 were male, 1/3 female, and approximately 50 % were international candidates.

Through a longer period, the number of active PhD students enrolled at the graduate school has been 50/50 male/female. This is no longer the case and will be a point of attention in the coming application rounds. For the next meeting in the PhD committee, data about gender distribution among the qualified candidates will be provided.

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

4. **Briefing on the Graduate School's allocation of internationalisation funds** by Per Baltzer Overgaard

As AUFF has decided to end the AUFF internationalisation fund, the procedure for allocation of funds has been changed this year. On the grant given to Aarhus BSS for the period 2018-2019, DKK 566.000 remains to be allocated. The funds

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has been allocated between the departments based on the number of active students 1 January 2019. The departments can grant funding as stated in the original grant from AUFF, i.e. for expenses related to recruiting PhD students, for guest PhD students, and for research stays abroad. Based on the decision by the Faculty, the first two options will be prioritized.

It is still a possibility to host visiting PhD students in the future. However, expenses must be covered by the departments.

5. **Briefing on the quarterly report for Quarter 1 2019**

Appendix 1: Quarterly report for Q1 2019.

Due to a system upgrade, the quarterly report was not presented at the PhD committee meeting. The report will be distributed by mail to the PhD committee members as soon as possible.

6. **Briefing on the dissertation assessment committees appointed for the period from 4 January 2019 to 22 Marts 2019.**

Appendix 2: Assessment committees in the period from 4 January 2019 to 22 Marts 2019.

A comment was made about the appointment of assistant professors to dissertation assessment committees. Per Baltzer Overgaard (PBO) made clear that only people on the level of senior researcher can be appointed as members of a dissertation assessment committee. In few cases assistant professors can be evaluated as being on associate professor level, but this will always be based on an individual assessment. Otherwise, the briefing on assessment committees appointed for the period from 4 January 2019 to 22 Marts 2019 was noted.

7. **Briefing on courses approved since the last meeting**

Appendix 3: Case presentation on courses approved between January and Marts 2019.

Appendix 3a: DGPE Syllabus - Quantitative Solution of Endogenous Growth Models

Appendix 3b: DGPE courses in the period 1 april 2017 to January 2019

Between January and April 2019 one course has been approved: DGPE Syllabus - Quantitative Solution of Endogenous Growth Models (ECON, 5 ECTS). Furthermore, the following five DGPE courses has been approved retrospectively for ECON: Directed Search (2 ECTS), Selection and Shrinkage in Nonparametric Regression (1 ECTS), Nonstandard Asymptotics for Two-Step Semiparametric Estimators (4 ECTS), Allocation and Wages in Labor Markets (2 ECTS), and Causal Inference without Experiments (1 ECTS).

8. **Briefing on the status for open access to PhD dissertations from Aarhus BSS** by Randi Groslier Bjælde

In 2017 the PhD committee decided to look into the possibilities of open access to all PhD dissertations from Aarhus BSS Graduate School. Since 2015 AU-library and Det Kgl. Bibliotek has had an E-book platform where researchers from Aarhus University could upload papers, books, reports and working papers. When uploading the material a DOI and an ISBN number is assigned and it is registered in various search index. The aim of the service is to ensure that the material from AU is permanently available, archived correctly and indexed online. The E-book platform can be found here: <http://ebooks.au.dk/index.php/aul/index>

The platform is available for all of AU but until now no graduate school has systematically uploaded PhD dissertations. Aarhus BSS Graduate School is currently working on a project to ensure open access to PhD dissertations from Aarhus BSS as soon as possible. When ready the project will be presented to the PhD committee. PBO commented that open access is a complicated area that currently is under discussion in EU. EU wants to implement that if EU funding has been present, all research must be open access. AU invests a lot of money in PhD students and wants open access to the research produced. Conflicts about publishing rights will be handled ad hoc.

9. **Briefing on the APV process plan for Aarhus BSS Graduate School**
Appendix 5: APV process plan for Aarhus BSS Graduate School

The PhD committee will follow up on local plans of action from the departments concerning PhD specific questions. A meeting in the PhD committee will be arranged in late August, before the "APV følgegruppe" follow up meeting in September.

10. **Briefing from the Programme Chairs on financing stay abroad on the different programmes by Programme Chairs**

On the PhD committee meeting in January PHABUSS commented that they would like to hear about how the different programmes have chosen to finance stays abroad for the PhD students.

All programme chairs gave a brief summary of how their programme has chosen to finance stays abroad. (It should be noted that for programmes expenses related to accompanying families cannot be covered. However, increased expenses based on larger accommodation in relation to accompanying families can be covered).

ECON: The department covers expenses related to travel, visa and 6000 DKK per month to pay for accommodation and other expenses (approximately equivalent to ½ daily allowances). No budget is needed.

LAW: The students are encouraged to apply for funding elsewhere, especially for expenses not covered by LAW, for instance in relation to accompanying family. Expenses not covered by external funding will be covered by LAW until DKK 60.000. Expenses that can be covered by LAW are travel, accommodation, visa and $\frac{1}{2}$ daily allowance until DKK 60.000 if the stay is three months or more. If the stay is shorter than three months the amount covered is smaller.

MGMT: The students are granted DKK 30.000 for stays of three months or more. The students are encouraged to apply for additional external funding. In case of obtaining no external funding, budget costs not covered by the initial DKK 30.000 are covered by the department with up to DKK 30.000. Thus, possible total funding from the department is DKK 60.000. Expenses related to, for ex., travel, housing rent, relocation costs, visa, and tuition fee. All allowances are based on an approved budget.

PS: The department covers expenses related to travel, visa and 6000 DKK per month to pay for accommodation and other expenses (approximately equivalent to $\frac{1}{2}$ daily allowances). For more funding the students are encouraged to apply for external funding. In case that fails, they must send an application upon which an individual assessment will be made. If all necessary means for keeping expenses down have been met, the application will be assessed.

PSY: The students are granted up to DKK 35.000 as a disposable amount for stays with a duration of 3 months or more. In case more funding is needed the students are encouraged to apply for external funding. In case further funding is needed they must send an application upon which an individual assessment will be made.

SOCSCIBUS: Students often follow the department they are connected with. For instance, BTECH follows the scheme from MGMT, The Danish Centre for Studies in Research and Research Policy follows the scheme from PS, and Centre for Alcohol and Drug Research follows the scheme of PI.

11. **Any other business**

No other business.

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