

Meeting on: 10 November 2021 from 11:30 - 12:30
Place: 1350, the large meeting room at 6th floor (Psychology)
PhD committee meeting

Minutes

Participants: Søren Højgaard Mørup, Chair, LAW, Helena Skyt Nielsen (ECON), Torsten Kolind (SOCSCIBUS), Dorthe Kirkegaard Thomsen (PSY), Birte Asmuß (MGMT), Peter Bjerre Mortensen (alternate for Christoffer Green-Pedersen (PS)), Mette Sieg (observer, PSY) Cecilie Marie Løchte Jørgensen (PhD representative, ECON), Jesper Aagaard (PhD representative, LAW), Natja Bech Kjeldsen (PhD representative, SOCSCIBUS), Kristoffer Holm (Observer, BTECH), Per Baltzer Overgaard, Randi Groslier Bjælde (Aarhus BSS HR & PhD)

Guest: Caroline Adolphsen, FTR,

Absent: Christoffer Green-Pedersen (PS), Inge Lise Lundsgaard Kongshøj (Vice chair, PhD representative, PSY), Mathilde Albertsen Winsløw (PhD representative, PS), Torben Andersen (BTECH), Michal Hron (Observer, MGMT), Jens Jørund Tyssedal (PhD alternate, PS)

Aarhus BSS HR & Ph.d.

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Date: 26 November 2021

1. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved without comments.

2. Approval of observer

Mette Sieg (observer, PSY) was approved as observer.

3. Discussion of rules and regulation regarding sideline employment and part-time

Guest: Caroline Adolphsen, common union representative

Appendix a: Letter_inquiry into rules on part-time positions

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Concerning sideline occupation:

Per Baltzer Overgaard (PBO) informed the PhD committee that the Rules and Regulations for Aarhus BSS Graduate School are currently under revision and that the section about sideline employment will be shortened and refer to the general rules and politics about sideline employment at Aarhus University, and no number of hours will be specified.

Caroline Adolphsen (CA) commented that she would agree with that. However, this is not meant as a free pass for the PhD students to work as much as they want, as they are required to follow the same rules as any other employee at Aarhus University. Hence, the sideline employment must be compatible with the PhD study and must never be distortive to competition with regard to Aarhus University's activities and core services.

It was stated that as a consequence of the new rules, progress of the PhD plan will be monitored more closely during the half year plan evaluations. This will be communicated to the supervisors via the programme chairs when the new rules and regulations are approved.

PhD students considering sideline employment should discuss with their manager and supervisor about whether or not it is compatible with the employment at Aarhus University, the PhD study and completion of set study on time.

Concerning part-time:

It was agreed to discuss this in more detail together with the follow-up on KIP21 and the international evaluation at a later meeting.

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

A short briefing on the current status for exemptions and extensions was given by Per Baltzer Overgaard. Requests for either extensions or exemptions regarding research environment change stays are continuously coming in and are still handled individually case by case. Currently, 35 applications for extension of enrolment and employment has been received; 4 are in process, 20 has been fully or partially granted and 11 has been rejected. This amounts to app. 40 months extension, in the range from 14 days to four months. The PhD school administration has not received any new applications for dispensation from 30 ECTS since the summer of 2020. A total of 70 dispensations for research environment change has been granted. In case of research environment change, all dispensations contained either a suggestion for a stay in Denmark or some sort of virtual element. (Data per 9 November 2021, ref.)

The briefing was noted.

5. Briefing on the follow up process to the “Quality in the PhD process” (KIP3) survey 2021 by Randi Groslier Bjælde

Appendix 1: Memo about open commentaries from KIP3 regarding Covid-19 BSS level (Danish only)

Appendix 2: Supplementary memo about open commentaries from KIP3 in general AU level (Danish only)

The results from the survey on Quality in PhD processes are currently being processed locally at the PhD programmes/departments. The PhD programmes/departments focus on initiatives regarding stress, loneliness, supervision on teaching obligations, experience of one's own abilities and independence. The graduate school continuously look for initiatives that can be used across PhD programmes. The follow-up process will be discussed further at a later meeting together with the follow-up process on the international evaluation and the question about part-time from point 3.

The briefing was noted.

6. Discussion of the follow up process to the international evaluation

Appendix 3: evaluation report from the panel

Appendix 4: Excel sheet containing the draft for a follow up plan international evaluation and the process plan

The PhD committee (the chair and vice-chair of the PhD committee) will make a written comment on the international evaluation report from the panel. The comment will be circulated in the PhD committee for approval. After approval, the comment will be send to Rectors office on 8 December when Rector is briefed about the international evaluations from all 5 Graduate Schools at AU. At the next meeting (17 November 2021) between the Heads of Graduate schools the evaluation reports as well as comments from the PhD committee will be discussed.

7. Briefing on the enrolment and recruitment of PhD students following the round of applications in autumn 2021 by Per Baltzer Overgaard

Fewer applications than usual was received this round. Especially to ECON and MGMT, whereas PS has received more than usual. If this is a Covid-19 effect is unknown.

A total of 293 applications were received for the autumn of 2021 open call, and 63 applicants were assessed as qualified. This time 27 candidates are recommended for enrolment with grants, distributed as follows: ECON (7), LAW (2), MGMT (3), PS (6), PSY (4), BTECH (3), SOCSCIBUS (2). 26.5 of these are financed by the graduate school, 0.5 is externally funded.

Furthermore, 1 candidate was recommended for enrolment at the autumn 2021 special calls. Three of the four special calls did not have any qualified candidates. The candidate recommended for enrolment has 100% external financing.

Of the candidates offered enrolment, 12 are female and 16 are male, which is a turnaround from the last application round. Approximately 27% are international candidates, and no candidates are offered enrolment in the 4 year scheme. Most of the candidates will be enrolled as per 1 February 2021 and some 1 September 2022.

The briefing on enrolment and recruitment in autumn 2021 was noted.

8. Briefing on the quarterly report for Quarter 2 and 3 2021 by Per Baltzer Overgaard

Appendix 5: Quarterly report for Q2 and Q3 2021

The briefing on the quarterly reports for Q2 and Q3 was noted.

9. Briefing on merit approved since the last meeting by Per Baltzer Overgaard

The briefing on merit approved since the last meeting was noted.

10. Briefing on the dissertation assessment committees appointed for the period from 17 June 2021 to 1 November 2021.

Appendix 6: Assessment committees in the period 17 June 2021 to 1 November 2021

The briefing on assessment committees appointed for the period from 17 June 2021 to 1 November 2021 was noted.

11. Briefing on courses approved since the last meeting

Appendix 7: Case presentation on courses approved between 17 June 2021 to 3 November 2021.

Appendix 7a: Retsteori i retsdogmatiske afhandlinger

Appendix 7b: Holistic Insight in Wind Project Development

Appendix 7c: Statistics for Stochastic Processes

Appendix 7d: Meta-heuristikker til løsning af kombinatoriske optimeringsproblemer

Appendix 7e: Videregående analyse

Appendix 7f: Advanced Microeconometrics

Between 17 June 2021 to 3 November 2021 6 courses has been approved: Retsteori i retsdogmatiske afhandlinger (LAW, 1 ECTS), Holistic Insight in Wind Project Development (BTECH, 7 ECTS), Statistics for Stochastic Processes (ECON, 5 ECTS), Meta-heuristikker til løsning af kombinatoriske optimeringsproblemer (ECON, 10 ECTS), Videregående analyse (ECON 10 ECTS), and Advanced Microeconometrics (ECON, 5 ECTS).

The briefing on courses approved since the last meeting was noted.

12. Any other business

No further business

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