

TECH PhD Committee (TECH PhD Committee  
meeting)

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Online

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**Information:**

Opening meeting at 10:30-11:00, ordinary meeting at 11:00-12:00.

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## **Punkt 1: Meeting information**

### **TECH PhD Committee meeting**

**Time:** Monday 25 January 2021 at 10:30 - 12:00 (opening meeting 10:30-11:00, ordinary meeting 11:00-12:00)

**Place:** Online

**Participants:** Kurt Thomas Jensen, Kasper Heiselberg, Mathilde Pauline Coutant, Laura Sofie Harbo, Stefan Hallerstede, Marianne Hammershøj, Lis Wollesen De Jonge, Morten Frederiksen, Brian Vinter, Ida Marie Gerdes.

**Apologies for absence:**

**Secretariat:** Liselotte K. Heller, Damian Goldberg, Louise Nygaard Kristensen.

## **Punkt 2: Round of introduction (5 min)**

All members of the committee will present themselves and their affiliation.

## **Punkt 3: Rules of procedure for the PhD Committee (5 min)**

The retiring chairman of the GSST PhD Committee, Kurt Thomas Jensen, will inform the committee members of the Rules of procedure for the PhD Committee.

The Rules of procedure for the PhD Committee at Technical Sciences has been updated in terms of 1) number of members and 2) meeting frequency.

*Appendix 1: Rules of procedure, PhD Committee at TECH*

## **Punkt 4: Information concerning the PhD Committee's tasks (5 min)**

Kurt Thomas Jensen, retiring chairman, will inform about the PhD Committee's tasks.

## **Punkt 5: Election of 1) chairman and 2) vice-chairman (5 min)**

A new chairman (VIP) and vice-chairman (PhD student) will be appointed.

## **Punkt 6: PhD Committee meeting dates in 2021 (5 min)**

In terms of meeting structure, the following should be discussed:

- Should the PhD Committee meeting;
  - a) be followed by the meeting for Heads of Programme or
  - b) take place on a different day than the meeting for Heads of Programme?
- Should PhD Committee meeting dates be set for;
  - a) a whole year at a time or

b) regularly/one date at a time?

## **Punkt 7: Any other business (end of opening meeting) (5 min)**

## **Punkt 8: Approval of minutes from the PhD Committee Meeting on 24 November 2020 (start of ordinary meeting) (2 min)**

*Appendix 2: Minutes from the GSST PhD Committee Meeting on 24 November 2020*

## **Punkt 9: Approval of agenda (3 min)**

## **Punkt 10: Announcements: Overview of assessment committees, exemptions etc. from the period 18 November 2020 – 18 January 2021 (5 min)**

*Appendices (covering the period of 18 November 2020 to 18 January 2021):*

*3a) Defences (overview of assessment committees)*

*3b) Qualification Exam (overview of qualifying exams)*

*3c) Requests (overview of exemptions)*

## **Punkt 11: Follow-up on corona-related issues (15 min)**

### **1. Extensions due to Covid-19 including means from the Ministry/UFM**

A discussion of current corona-related issues and an update from the Head of School Brian Vinter regarding the means from the Ministry/UFM.

*Appendix 4: Corona-related extensions at TECH in total since lock-down.*

### **2. Exemptions from research environment change and ECTS requirements in general and due to Covid-19 – new procedures**

Until now, changes/exemptions concerning research environment change and ECTS requirements have taken place in the planner system in connection with the half-year evaluations. However, it has become necessary to be able to process data more systematically on this.

*Appendix 5: New procedure for exemptions - ECTS and research environment change*

## **Punkt 12: Science teaching courses and a joint Course Committee (20 min)**

### **1. Science Teaching course (10 min)**

A discussion of the Science teaching course in terms of content, theory of pedagogics etc. supported by statements from the PhD students in the committee who have completed the course.

*Appendix 6a: Science teaching course description, spring 2020*

*Appendix 6b: Evaluation of Science teaching course by iNano PhD students*  
*Appendix 6c: Evaluation of Science teaching course by course provider (in Danish only)*

## **2. Joint Course Committee (10 min)**

With two new PhD Committees at GSNS and GSTS respectively, procedures for debating and setting up transferable skills courses should be discussed. At the last GSST PhD Committee Meeting, it was suggested to form a joint group across the two schools to discuss matters related to courses.

(Pending course-related discussions for the proposed Course Committee; Python course and Project Management course).

*Appendix 7: Udkast til Kommissorium for fælles kursusudvalg, GSTS og GSNS*

*Appendix 8: Draft version\_Terms of reference - PhD Course Committee at GSTS and GSNS*

## **Punkt 13: For your information (10 min)**

- International evaluation 2021 – status (3 min)
- PhD employment (5 min)
  - (*Appendix 7: PhD Employment survey 2020 - in Danish only*)
    - Most important conclusions\* (from Stine Birk Kristensen, Talent Unit, AU):
      - New PhD graduates from HE and ST has a higher employment percentage than AR and BSS.
      - Five-year graduates from BSS has the most stable employment situation - 40 per cent of the class has only had one employment.
      - Only approx 55 per cent of the PhD graduates are in a permanent position.
      - Almost 50 per cent of the PhD graduates from ST has found employment in the private sector. For all other AU faculties, most of the PhD graduates are employed by the public sector. For those with employment in the public sector, most of them are employed by a university or another education institution. At HE, however, most PhD graduates has found employment in the health care sectore.
      - Approx 50 percent of the PhD graduates found employment before concluding their PhD study. For the rest of the graduates, most found employment within the first three months after concluding their PhD study.
      - In general, the PhD graduates find that the PhD education has prepared them for the job market.
    - \* The results of the survey will be specified as to NAT and TECH, respectively. You will receive the specification as soon as it becomes available.**
- Status on Research Planner and other PhD related IT systems (2 min)

## **Punkt 14: Any other business (5 min)**