

TECH PhD Committee (15-11-2021 14.00, TECH
PhD Committee meeting)

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Building 1521, room 731, Ny Munkegade 120, 8000 Aarhus C

Information: **TECH PhD Committee meeting**

Time: Monday 15 November 2021 at 14:00 - 15:30

Place: Building 1521, room 731, Ny Munkegade 120, 8000 Aarhus C

Participants: Lis Wollesen de Jonge, Kasper Kvols Heiselberg, Stefan Hallersted, Morten Frederiksen, Marianne Hammershøj, Laura Sofie Harbo, Mathilde Pauline Coutant, Ida Gerdes, Brian Vinter.

Apologies for absence: Maria Fauerby Iversersen

Secretariat: Liselotte K. Heller,

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Punkt 1: Approval of minutes from the PhD Committee meeting on 25 June 2021 (5 minutes, Lis Wollesen de Jonge)

Minutes from the last PhD committee meeting on 25 June 2021.

Appendix 1: Minutes

Beslutning for Punkt 1: Approval of minutes from the PhD Committee meeting on 25 June 2021 (5 minutes, Lis Wollesen de Jonge)

Approved.

Punkt 2: Approval of agenda (5 minutes, Lis Wollesen de Jonge)

1. Approval of minutes from the PhD Committee meeting on 25 June 2021
2. Approval of agenda
3. Announcements – Overview of assessment committees, exemptions, etc. for the period 12 June 2021 to 1 November 2021
4. Follow-up on site visit and report from the international panel
5. Corrections in GSTS Rules & Regulations for approval
6. Follow-up on Head of school dialogue meeting with AUPA and PhD committee members
7. For your information
8. Any other business

Beslutning for Punkt 2: Approval of agenda (5 minutes, Lis Wollesen de Jonge)

Approved.

Punkt 3: Announcements – Overview of assessment committees, exemptions, etc. for the period 12 June 2021 to 1 November 2021 (5 minutes, Lis Wollesen de Junge)

Announcements - Overview of assessment committees, exemptions, etc. for the period 12 June 2021 to 1 November 2021.

Appendices 2A, 2B and 2 C: Reports from PhD planner

Beslutning for Punkt 3: Announcements – Overview of assessment committees, exemptions, etc. for the period

12 June 2021 to 1 November 2021 (5 minutes, Lis Wollesen de Junge)

Approved. The chair of the PhD committee commented, that if anyone had anything specific it could be send directly to Liselotte Heller.

Punkt 4: International evaluation – discussion, inputs for the action plan (30 minutes, Brian Vinter)

Following the site visit, the panel has completed a report (see attached appendix). The report will be discussed at the present meeting and at the Heads of Programme meeting. At the meetings, the follow-up process and action plans will be discussed and then presented to the Faculty Management around the turn of the year.

Reports and initial action plans from all AU graduate schools will be discussed at a Heads of school meeting on 17 November 2021.

Please note, that the Quality in PhD Process 2021 report is uploaded as an appendix. In this why you can take this into consideration in the discussion of action plans based on the International evaluation.

Appendix 3A: The Panels evaluation report on GSTS

Appendix 3B: International Evaluation_self evaluation report_GSTS_September 2021

Appendix 3C: Appendices_Self evaluation_GSTS_September 2021

Appendix 3D: Report_QualityinPhDProcess_21_final 090421

Beslutning for Punkt 4: International evaluation – discussion, inputs for the action plan (30 minutes, Brian Vinter)

Brian Vinter gave a brief introduction to the report from the international panel and mentioned that together with the Quality in the PhD process (KIP) report it would form a solid base for developing follow-up action plans.

He also mentioned that in general the report is very favorable towards the quality of the Graduate School, but it mentions some areas in which the Graduate School should look into:

- The work obligation of 280 hours/year.
- A neutral and independent point of contact (an independent 'ombudsperson')
- Integration of the Zealand locations in general, so the PhD students don't feel isolated.

Following the introduction from the Brian Vinter, the PhD committee had a thorough discussion of the report from the international Panel. The committee discussed the possibility for allocation of an annual bursary for each PhD student, the possibility of having one transferable skills PhD course held at Sealand (at Risø), the independence of PhD students vs predefined projects and well-being of the PhD students.

Finally, Brian Vinter outlined the process for the action plans. The process starts in the PhD committee at the present meeting together with discussions in the Heads of programme committee meeting and at the next meeting in the Academic Council. The

Head of school will then prepare an action plan and present it to the Faculty Management for approval.

Further comments to the action plan should be sent to Ida Marie Gerdes, img@au.dk

Punkt 5: Corrections in GSTS Rules & Regulations for approval (20 minutes, Liselotte K. Heller)

Following the new procedure regarding the application process for admitting new PhD students at GSTS the Rules & Regulations section 3.3-3.7 (3.8) has now been corrected.

Appendix 4A: The original wording of R&R from the earlier application process, section 3.3-3.7

Appendix 4B: The new wording of R&R after the new application process, section 3.3-3.8

Appendix 4C: The original wording of R&R including the new wording of the application process as track changes, section 3.3-3.8

The wording needs to be approved before we can make the final change in Rules and Regulations and upload the corrected version on the GSTS website.

Suggestion:

We will mark the sections in questions in the current R&R and make a note saying: *These sections are no longer valid. Please see the GSTS website (link) for information regarding the application procedure. The Rules & Regulations will be updated and thereby replaced with a new version as soon as possible.*

We will change the sections together with a total update of the R&R in the next couple of months. The new version can then be on the agenda in January for approval.

Beslutning for Punkt 5: Corrections in GSTS Rules & Regulations for approval (20 minutes, Liselotte K. Heller)

The adjustment of the corrections in Rules & Regulations will be conducted in the beginning of 2022. Until then, a note stating the situation will be added to the current version of the Rules & Regulations.

Any written comments to the material on the admission procedure can be sent to Liselotte Heller. The wording will finally be approved at the PhD committee meeting in January.

Punkt 6: Follow-up on Head of school dialogue meeting with AUPA and PhD committee members (15 minutes, Brian Vinter)

On 27 October 2021, the Heads of School, AUPA and representative PhD student members of the PhD committees are to meet and follow up on KIP21, including discussing the open comments from the survey. This item follows up on their meeting.

Beslutning for Punkt 6: Follow-up on Head of school dialogue meeting with AUPA and PhD committee members (15 minutes, Brian Vinter)

Kasper Heiselberg made a short summary of the meeting followed up by Brian Vinter.

The meeting resulted with an appointment of a well-being committee consisting of the Heads of School, AUPA and a student representative from each PhD committee.

Punkt 7: For your information (5 minutes, Liselotte K. Heller/Brian Vinter)

1. Result of the Uncontested Election, see appendix 5. There is Cancellation of elections for two areas, i.e. Environmental Science/Ecoscience and Agroecology/QGG.
2. The Engineering PhD programme will be split into four programmes from 1 January 2021. The four new Programme chairs have already been chosen.

Appendix 5: Result of the Uncontested Election, see appendix 5. There is Cancellation of elections for two areas, i.e. Environmental Science/Ecoscience and Agroecology/QGG.

Appendix 5A: 2021 Uncontested Elections results

Appendix 5B: 2021 List of cancelled elections

Beslutning for Punkt 7: For your information (5 minutes, Liselotte K. Heller/Brian Vinter)

1.

The following PhD student candidates have been elected to the PhD committee for 2022:

- Representative for Biological and Chemical Engineering, Civil and Architectural Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering and Mechanical and Production Engineering:
Kasper Heiselberg (elected), substitute Hadi Sehat (elected)
- Representative for Environmental Science and Ecoscience:
Emilie Nicoline Stepien (Observer)
- Representative for Agroecology and Quantitative Genetics and Genomics:
Claudia Nielsen (Observer)
- Representative for Animal Science and Food Science:
Julie Frost Dahl (elected)

Observers can participate in meetings and all discussions, but they cannot place a vote in connection with a voting.

Lis Wollesen de Jonge had a comment on the amount of information prior to the election. It was therefore agreed on, that the graduate school will send a reminder to the Heads of programme in September/October next year to remind them of the upcoming election.

2.

Brian Vinter gave a short introduction of the procedure in connection with defining the titles of the PhD degrees. The Head of departments will be given the opportunity to choose a list of subtopics, which the PhD degree can be giving in within their PhD programme. This will be settled on the Faculty management seminar in December 2021.

Punkt 8: Any other business (5 minutes, Lis Wollesen de Jonge)

1. How should the meetings be held in the future? Physical, Hybrid or online?

Beslutning for Punkt 8: Any other business (5 minutes, Lis Wollesen de Jonge)

1. The PhD committee discussed the future meeting settings. It was concluded, that 1-2 meetings should be held as physical meetings for all participants and the rest as 100% online meetings.

Action: The secretariat will in cooperation with the Head of School make an annual cycle of work of the meeting settings.

2. The meeting ended with a small talk about the career days. They have been a positive experience.