

**Graduate School of Technical Sciences (GSTS)
PhD Committee meeting**

Time: 20 November 2024 from 12.00 – 14.00
Meeting place: The meeting was held online.

Minutes**Participants:**

- Stefan Hallerstede (SH), Martin Holmstrup (MH), Lis Wollesen de Jonge (LWJ), Ole Højberg (OH), Julia Prangchat Stub (JPS), Tiziana Svenningsen (TS), Ameesh Khatkar (AK), Michelle H. Williams (MHW).

Apologies for absence:

- Thea Quistgaard, Ida Marie Gerdes.

Secretariat:

- Rikke J. Ljungmann (RJL) and Frederikke Kongsted Hansen (FKH)

1. Approval of agenda

Approved with no comments.

2. Announcements – Overview of assessment committees, exemptions etc. for the period 09.09.2024 – 12.11.2024

Approved with no comments. If anyone has comments or corrections, they should be sent to Frederikke Kongsted Hansen, fkh@au.dk

3. News from the Course Committee

SH introduced the item. At the most recent Course Committee meeting, the PhD student members presented a set of 'guidelines' to help PhD students navigate the transferable skills PhD course portfolio. SH showed the graphic overview prepared by the working group - incl. the agreed adjustments to be made - and asked if the PhD Committee had any input.

Due to differences in the courses offered at the two PhD Schools, the PhD Committee emphasised the need for two different graphic overviews.

MHW suggested that the boxes in the graphic overview should link directly to the relevant course description. The committee supported this.



Action: *The administration will divide the overview into two, one for GSTS and one for GSNS. In addition, the administration will investigate the option of linking directly from the graphic boxes to the relevant course descriptions.*

4. How to manage your PhD project

The PhD Committee approved the course. The administration will follow up.

5. News from the PhD students

JPS said that it has been discussed among PhD students at Food whether it should be stated in the PhD thesis if an AI tool has been used for proofreading.

MHW said that in her opinion, using AI tools for proofreading alone is equivalent to having someone else help with this, which you would not state.

The committee agreed that there is a difference between getting the tools to proof-read and getting the tools to generate text.

6. For your information

SH said that hopefully the dates for the Writing camp retreat will be decided soon. FKH said that she had had a meeting with the course leader, Antonios Petridis. To get a better idea of the thoughts behind the writing camp and the content, he would like a meeting with some of the PhD student members from the working group. JPS and TS said that they would like to take part in such a meeting. FKH will follow up.

7. Any other business

None.