



8. MARCH 2023

MINUTES

Forum PhD Committee meeting no. one for 2023

Meeting date 8th March 2023 at 13:00 – 16:00

Location Bülowssvej 17, room A126

Secretary Lærke Sadolin

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Attendees:

Representatives of the scientific staff (attending): David B. Collinge (PLEN/chair of the PhD Committee), Stergios Piligkos (CHEM), Niels Martin Møller (MATH)

Representatives of the scientific staff (apologies): Henriette Steiner (IGN), Morten Arendt Rasmussen (FOOD)

Representatives of the PhD students (attending): Teresa Klara Pfau (NBI), Nena Batenburg (MATH), Lea Ellen Matthiessen (NEXS)

Representatives of the PhD students (apologies): Marie Højmark Fischer (BIO)

Guests (attending): Lise Arleth (FS), Ingelise Lundgaard (FS), Else-Marie Baun (FS), Marie-Louise Holm (FS), Signe Lange Jespersen (FS), Mikkel Lorenzen (FOOD/guest), Kasper Hede Nielsen (NBI/deputy), Boris Bolvig Kjær (MATH/deputy), Courtney Horn Herms (PLEN/deputy)

Referent: Lærke Sadolin (FS)

Minutes

Ad. 1 Introduction to the PhD Vision project

David presented on behalf of Lise an in-depth introduction to the PhD Vision project (see the attached presentation).

Ad. 2 Welcome and presentation of agenda

David welcomed and presented the agenda. The representatives of the Committee and guests were registered.

Ad. 3 Election of Chairperson and vice-chair

David was elected Chairperson and the students have reported subsequently that Teresa has been elected from among the students as vice chair.

Marie was appointed as PhD student representative to The University of Copenhagen's Research and Innovation Strategic Council (KUFIR).

At present, IGN/SNM is not represented by a VIP or a student. Henriette has nominated a substitute and VILF from IGN will propose a student to election commission at UCPH and inform when it is in place.

Ad. 4 Minutes from the meeting 16th December 2022

The minutes from the PhD Committee meeting on 16th December 2022 were approved by e-mail on 13th January 2023. There were no additions.

Ad. 5 Implementation of the PhD Vision project

The PhD Committee discussed the PhD Vision project and asked questions to Lise about the implementation.

The PhD Committee supported the idea that more tasks and decisions should be transferred to the local VILFs as described on slide 24, and that the PhD Committee should focus on matters of more strategic and principal character. The PhD Committee also supported the suggested model for deciding and organizing future PhD courses on slide 25.

Two MATH students raised the question whether the model with 10 ECTS compulsory courses for all PhD students is a good idea, and Lise emphasised that it has been decided to implement this model, but that we can evaluate it after a while. They stated that the model is not attractive to MATH students. However, Lise finds that the content of the course is important for all PhD students and that it is possible to ensure a much higher quality of the course portfolio with this model.

Ad. 6 The focus of the PhD Committees work

The proposal for co-supervisors was mentioned as a focus point.

Students also raised the issue PhD planner's user-friendliness. However, this has been taken up in other forums and reference is also made to point 6 *PhD Planner Improvements* from the minutes of the PhD Committee meeting of 16. December 2022. Marie-Louise informed that a long list of change requests has been made, and it is considered how these changes to the system can be implemented. In

addition, Lise urged the PhD Committee to focus on what they have the authority to change and suggested that this specific topic is raised at a KUFIR meeting.

The previous work on the well-being of students was mentioned and the problem with non-employed PhD students (cf. the minutes of 03.28.2021, 06.08.2022 and 09.28.2022). Nena, Kasper, Lea and Teresa wish to resume this work and formed a working group with a further focus on the PhD coordinators' meeting with the students. The group will prepare the topic as a point at one of the coming meetings and report it to the agenda.

Ad. 7 Implementation of new KU regulations

The Committee discussed the two topics below:

- 1) The PhD coordinator's role
The proposed amendment on page 12-13 was approved.

Other changes to the SCIENCE roles (within the "boxes") may be considered on an ongoing basis for as long as they comply with the UCPH rules.

- 2) Who can be a main supervisor? (The new rules will make it difficult to allow a tenure track assistant professor to have the main supervisor role)

The new UCPH rules do not correspond to the practice we have at SCIENCE. This matter needs to be explored further.

Link to the PhD coordinators role:

<https://kUNET.ku.dk/faculty-and-department/science/PhD/phd-coordinators/Pages/default.aspx>

Ad. 8 Information

- Status on the Chinese Scholarship Council PhD stipends
- It is not possible to change the name of the PhD Committee to the PhD Board
- New date for the 2nd meeting: Friday 16 June 11-13

Ad 9 AOB

Lise encouraged students to put topics on the agenda for future meetings.

The students from MATH asked whether it is completely out of the question to reconsider whether 10 ECTS compulsory courses should be introduced for all PhD students, and Lise replied that the decision has been made, but that the discussion can be resumed when the model is to be evaluated after some time.