

Summary of AUPA meeting 6th of May, 2014

1. Formalities

- Election of Chairman: Mathias Vinther
- Election of minute taker: Malene Alber Lassen
- Approval of minutes from last meeting and the General Assembly: Approved

2. Election of new Vice-president of AUPA

- Christian Scholz was elected Vice-president
- Karsten Olsen from ARTS joined the meeting. He considers joining the board of AUPA.

3. Presentation of AUPA Relations

The President gave a short presentation about the current AU organs where AUPA is seeking influence.

- Brugerpanelet: PhD Planner, benefits/requirements for PhD students, abroad stays etc.
- AU Forum for Talent Development: advises the Talent Development Committee, initiator on the PhD Survey
- Local Phd committee
- PhD House Activity Group

4. Presentation from Health PhD committee

The President gave an overview of the structure on Health and where the PhD committee on health seeks influence (Anders Rosendal Korshøj should give the overview but because he was not present at the meeting, the vice president of AUPA took over).

- Phaust (local committee)
- PhD Committee

- Academic council
- Interfaculty Forum for Talent Development

How could ARTS build up a new association?

- ARTS has a network that is working more or less as a local committee. The Quality in PhD report showed that ARTS had the biggest issues among all faculties. Winnie and Lilli are therefore considering starting a PhD committee at ARTS.
- How should this be done?
 - The Academic Council should be contacted in order to get PhD students' emails o
 - The Network Organization should be contacted as well

5. Discussion/brainstorming on AUPA 2014

Discussion about AUPA 2014 including events which AUPA should facilitate. Allocation of members into workgroup on focus areas. Four focus areas was suggested by the President:

- Quality in PhD Report
- Publicity
- Budget cuts
- PhD Planner

The following were agreed upon:

- Quality in PhD Report: AUPA's main focus area is the Quality in PhD Report. AUPA will work through their formal seat and attend meetings at the Forums and advisory boards in order to improve the conditions for PhD students.
- Publicity: AUPA should suggest events that could be organized by the local associations. AUPA should in this matter be partners with the local associations and donate money, but they should not be the main facilitator of the event.
- Budget cuts & PhD Planner: These two points will not be AUPA's main focus areas.

- The course “Talent Development” should be suggested to all PhD students. AUPA should make a suggested list of courses for first year students. This will be suggested at the Talent Development Committee.

6. Next meeting

- Next meeting will be in the end of June. Mathias will make a doodle.

7. Other Business

- AUPA will make an internal overview sharing what the PhD students are doing. Events; did they work? Lists of useful contact persons etc. This should make it easier to compare what worked and what did not work within the local associations. o Ideas for this document should be sent to Marie.
- Everyone should send Malene links to local associations/facebook pages or names of contact persons within the local associations.
- Event calendar? Share it on AUPA’s facebook page and/or AUPA’s webpage.
- Everyone should think about what Malene can put on these webpages.