

# Summary of AUPA meeting 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2014

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## 1. Formalities

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

## 2. Updates from local PhD Committees

- Science and Technology has had one meeting since last AUPA meeting. Ph.D. Day was discussed; it will focus on stress and/or time managing. The event is set for the end of May. Consulting and financial funding is already found for the event.
- Business and Social Sciences was not present at the meeting
- ARTS has not had a meeting since last AUPA meeting.
- Health has had one meeting. They have discussed whether to make a public statement about the fellowship. The proposal was dropped again. Further, Health has a General Assembly coming up.

## 3. Presentation of AUPA 2014 Vision and Culture by Chairmanship

### 3.1 *New vice president*

- Kristine resigned from AUPA and will not be vice president anymore. A new event for electing a vice president where everyone is present will be held.
- Kristine stopped partly because she felt no connection to the local committee at ARTS.
- AUPA will in this matter make contact to ARTS and get them to join AUPA.

### 3.2 *Vision of AUPA*

- The President of AUPA gave his vision of AUPA in 2014. He suggested the following focus

areas and the establishment of workshop for each of these including the general work culture of the board.

- 1) Quality in PhD report: follow up and attend the meetings.
  - 2) Budget cuts: how does it affect Ph.D. students? AUPA will attend the meetings and look out for all PhD students.
  - 3) Ph.D. Planner: AUPA will work for improvements.
  - 4) Publicity: AUPA should be more known among Ph.D. students. This could be done by making events.
- The suggested work culture would be that more delegation of work between board members, and that the general board member should be pensioned about his work in AUPA regi, willing to put in the effort to deliver results and be an active part of the work by attending administrative meetings within his workgroup.

#### **4. Workgroup**

The President of AUPA suggested that four work groups should be established within 1) Quality in PhD Rapport, 2) Aarhus University Budget Cuts, 3) PhD Planner, 4) Publicity of AUPA including brainstorm on events. The following were discussed about the work groups:

- Not all from the work group should attend external meetings. The work group is responsible of keeping status, making progress and presenting gained results on the focus area.
- It was discussed if there are too many work groups:
  - Publicity: Events should be held in order to promote AUPA – everyone should work for this, not just one group
    - The Quality in PhD rapport opens up for some interesting events for Ph.D. students. AUPA should establish some channels in order to contact Ph.D. students. Mailing lists are hard to get from the university. AUPA will see if they can reach Ph.D. students through AU's facebook page or other channels.
  - Budget cuts: The influence of AUPA in this regard was discussed and whether AUPA will any say in this matter. It was discussed whether this work group was one too many.

- It was decided that AUPA should do most in regard to the Quality in PhD and making events.
- Meetings that AUPA attends:
  - Talent Forum: AUPA has a formal seat here. Unsure whether the Talent Forum will continue.
  - Talent Board (Talent Båndet): AUPA should have a formal seat here.
  - Administrative Fora (de Administrative Arbejdsudvalg): They deal with the PhD Planner, class coordination, insurances etc. AUPA has a formal seat here.
  - Quality in PhD: AUPA was invited when the survey was evaluated.
  - PhD Planner Forum
    - Will be implemented within Health as well
- AUPA should get an overview of all forums and how they are connected.
- Next meeting: assign people to work groups, discussed which work groups should be made etc.
- Others:
  - It was suggested to share minutes among local committees.
  - Local committees should be linked on AUPAs webpage.

## **5. Administrative Fora Meeting 29th of April**

Deciding on attendees

- Mathias Vinther (President)
- Christian Scholz (Member from Health)

## **6. Update on the AUPA Grant and Handover Dinner**

There have been some problems refunding the Handover Dinner. It was discussed whether AUPA should spend money on a Handover Dinner or not.

- Pro: AUPA's board members are volunteers. They only have one Handover Dinner per year.

- Con: AUPA should spend their money on something else.
- This will be discussed at another meeting.

## **7. Next meeting**

- Deciding on a date: beginning of May
  - Next meeting
    - Update from last meeting
    - Election of a new vice president
    - Prospective of AUPA - budget
    - Discuss the work groups and events
    - Everyone should write down a few lines about their stance on the work groups (which work groups should be made, which they would like to join etc.) and make suggesting of events. This should be send to Mathias before next meeting.
8. Other Business