

AGENDA FOR AUPA BOARD MEETING

TIME: June 22 4-6 pm

LOCATION: TBD

GUESTS: N/A



Present: Søren Slipsager, Jesper Halkjær, Anne Pitz, Andreas Kjær, Andreas Eiset, Heidi Agerbo, Johanne Egedal and Nina Andersen

1. Welcome
2. Formalities
 - a. approval of minutes from last meeting: **approved**
3. Updates and follow-ups
 - a. from local associations based on emails
 - PHAUST: The TAs want to be evaluated by the students through Blackboard. Unfortunately, the system is not yet able to do this.
 - ARTS: The general assembly was one month ago and 5 were elected to the board. They had a board meeting where they discussed how they want to improve the association and what the future plans were.
 - HEALTH: Currently, they are in the middle of a supervisor survey. In the survey the PhDs write how they feel about their supervisors so the supervisors can improve and know what the students want from their supervisors. The survey should be out soon.
 - PHABUSS: They just elected Mathilde Cecchini as their new chairman. AUPA is positive on the election and believes that PHABUSS will continue the good work in a positive way. Following the evaluation of a mandatory course on responsible research, further discussion on PhDs and responsible research was held.
 - b. Joint Action group
 - Follow up: There has not been much time to follow up with the evaluations because this meeting was held shortly after the JA workshop. 18 people attended the JA. The free sandwiches probably

made people stay a little longer. It was suggested to make the workshop a little longer (approx. 30 min).

- Work on: implement an assignment to make people interact with each other in groups and get a good discussion.
- Place: maybe host JA at another venue than Dale's Café. Probably, at Studenterhuset.
- Next JA: Late September

c. PAND

- A Skype-meeting was held two weeks ago.
- PAND is still in the organizing phase regarding finance, purpose and so on.
- A lot of activity in PAND.
- Andreas Kjær became our alternate.

d. Facebook group

- 100 new members and there has been 50 likes for the toolbox on the website. On a daily bases the group get likes.
- There has been more activity on the Facebook group since there has been spend some money on boosting.
- Remarkable better responses in the Facebook group.
- When there is a comment to a Facebook-post people from AUPA may answer using their own Facebook account
- Maybe there should be monthly post on a specific board member (a picture and a small comment). The aim is to personalize AUPA.
- Include videos on the Facebook group. Do interviews with people from AU. Søren, Jesper, and Johanne will prepare questions and make the videos.

4. Discussions

a. International students

- The aim of the previous board was to increase the number of international students in AUPA.
 - International students face a language-related problem as Danish is often spoken in larger groups and at some courses. Therefore, some international students feel isolated. The students are recommended to learn Danish, which they not necessarily have time for.
 - A group from AUPA will investigate the different faculties to figure out how serious a problem it is. The group consists of: Jesper (ST); Anne and Søren (BSS); Johanne (HE); and Heidi and Roberta (AR).
- b. DJØF bladet would like to do an interview with AUPA. The topic is decided by AUPA. DJØF bladet suggested to talk about the lack of academic positions for graduated PhDs and how the industry handles the PhD students. It was suggested to talk about a rebranding of PhDs through focusing on their acquired transferable skills.
- c. AUPAs purpose (see statutes)
- Next time – comment on it in Dropbox

5. Social stuff

- More socializing in the AUPA group.
- Go out and have a beer/coffee/tea
- If weather is good then do some BBQ => around the 10th of August.
Anne will do a Doodle.

6. Change in the meeting plan: 17-8-17 -> 24-8-17

- Meeting on 24th of August

7. AOB