



AGENDA FOR AUPA'S BOARD MEETING
TIME: 16 August 2018, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
LOCATION: building 1653

GUESTS: None

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY: Andreas Kjær, Ana Isabel Lea Lobato, Andreas Halgreen Eiset, Vilde Lunnan Djuve

1. Welcome
2. Formalities
 - a. Election of Chairman
Viktorija elected Chairman
 - b. Approval of minutes from the last meeting (available via Dropbox)
Approved
3. Updates from the local associations
 - a. PHABUSS
 - No one from PHABUSS present at this AUPA meeting
 - b. PHAUST
 - Doing a Ph.D. starter guide. Already starting to design a starter kit. The starter guide will transfer knowledge to new Ph.D.'s. The idea is to have information to ST in general and give room for information to specific tracks.
 - Talked about the stress angle course they held. Got positive feedback and are now talking about doing it twice a year.
 - c. Arts
 - General Assembly held in May. Only old members present.
 - Needs to find new members. Current members are either going abroad or finishing. Trying to get institute hours for the work in the association to attract new members. If they cannot find new members, there will be no one in the board.
 - They held a big event, which went quite well. However, there are no new members (people do not have time).
 - d. Health
 - No one from Health present at this AUPA meeting.
4. Update from PAND.
 - They are focusing on four aspects – some of the aspects will also be relevant for AUPA
 - Ph.D. Integration - focusing on PhD Isolation, promoting volunteering
 - Ph.D. Career – 1) Alumni Network 2) Mentorship program - Collaboration with DM; DEA and AU 2) Map Career Programs at universities 3) PhD Day
 - Ph.D. Stress - 1) Raise awareness about stress & mental problems - Spreading information through our channels, 2) Activity package: "HOW To reduce stress" for local associations

(Viktorija is part of it and Simona wants to join the working group as well)

- Ph.D. Rights - Gather information about PhD rights and spread it
5. Update from a meeting with PhD House Activity Group on the 5th of June (Viktorija)
 - AUPA agreed to help distribute events and so forth on website.
 - Want to do 1-2 big events a month instead of a lot of small events.
 - They are having a General Assembly in September.
 6. Update from a meeting with Stine Birk Christensen on the 3rd of July (Viktorija, Ana, Vilde)
 - They are going to meet with Stine on a regular basis.
 - AUPA has the opportunity to go to leadership meeting regarding institute hours, where AUPA also can come with input on what they are doing
 - Who is going to the meeting on the 12th of September:
 - Heidi is going.
 - Agreed to ask Ana or Vilde if they want to attend the meeting, since they have been working on the topic.
 - One of them will send the topics they want to raise at the meeting to Stine before the 1st of September.
 7. Update from Michael Winther (if any)(Vilde)
 - Vilde not present at this AUPA meeting
 8. AUPA Joint Action – vote for cancellation (All)
 - Someone else is doing the same as AUPA Joint Action
 - Vote: Agreement on cancellation of AUPA Joint Action
 9. Discussion of managerial and organizational aspects of AUPA
 - a. Representation from the local association on the board of AUPA: Have you found one person from your local association? We need to have at least 1 representative from a local association/committee and 1 alternate if the representative is not able to attend the meeting (All)
 - Arts are struggling themselves. No guarantees from PHAUST either. No one from PHABUSS or Health present.
 - Agreed: If no one from the different local associations are coming to the AUPA meeting, representatives will send an e-mail with updates from the associations.
 - b. President and Vice President on research stay abroad in Autumn 2018: Who will be alternated for VP? (All)
 - Viktorija will still be president and attending via Skype.
 - Simon might be able to attend via Skype as well. No alternated for VO decided.
 - Members away this semester:
 - Viktorija: 5th September – end of January
 - Simon: 1st September – 15th December. 1st of March until mid-May 2019.
 - Felix: October – December. April – June 2019.
 10. Discussion of political aspects of AUPA and the strategy 2018-2019

- a. Danish language lessons for internationals at AU: Is it possible to transform these into institute hours or credits (ECTS)? (Vilde, Ana)
 - Not possible to do as a rule across departments. They will have to talk to the different head of departments.
- b. Elections to become members of the different PhD-representation bodies. At AU we encounter difficulties in engaging PhD students. Please read the email from Charlotte Holmer Kirk (All)
 - Same struggle.
- c. Volunteering at AUPA or LAs: Is it possible to transform these into institute hours? The possibility of getting institute hours and/or make it part of our work as PhD students can be brought up in the meeting with the Heads of Graduate Schools in September. President and VP are not in Denmark, who will be able to attend this meeting? (Vilde, Ana, Viktorija)
 - Discussed at point 6.
- d. Stress: How should we go forward with this matter? Would Simon be interested to be part of the working group who are also focusing on this issue at National level? (Simon)
 - Simon is interested in focusing on stress at national level – PAND are also focusing on Ph.D. stress – interested to be a part of that group.
- e. New recruitment norms: How was the meeting with Omnibus? What is next? (Felix)
 - The article is out there. The article is based on two interviews so it appears to work as a debate.
 - Biggest concern: it is not a rule but a norm, which means they cannot complain about it. However, the article admits the problem and has now stated the issue. AUPA is now more certain about what is going on.
 - Next is:
 - Making the new PhD students aware about the issue.
 - Taking the debate to the institutes.
- f. How can AUPA help strengthen local associations? (All)
 - Agreed on looking into it one thing at a time. At the moment focusing on institute hours.

11. Deciding on the date for the next board meeting.

- Week 40 – Tuesday the 2nd of October from 4- 6 pm.

12. Any other business?

- Omnibus wants to write about AUPA.
 - Interview with Viktorija. They are in contact.
 - Danish lessons and stress.
 - Omnibus is an opportunity to raise awareness.

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