

AGENDA FOR AUPA'S BOARD MEETING

TIME: 24 May 2018, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

LOCATION: building 1653, room 018 (in the basement, near Dale's Café)



GUESTS: None

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY: Andreas Halgreen Eiset, Felix Kühn Paulsen, Andreas Kjær

1. Welcome

2. Formalities

- a. Election of Chairman
Viktorija elected as chairman.

- b. Approval of minutes from the last meeting (available via Dropbox)
Approved.

1. Updates from the local associations

- a. PHABUSS
 - No one from PHABUSS present.
 - Have not had a board meeting since the last AUPA meeting.

- b. PHAUST
 - Have not had a meeting since the last AUPA meeting.

- c. Arts
 - Have held the event about whether the labor market in Denmark is interested in PhD's from Humanities. 56 people had signed up – but around 30 people showed up. But overall, the event went quite alright.

 - Next week the Arts PhD Network will have their General Assembly. 5 people is on the board now – but they are going to have a new president. They will discuss the future task of the Arts PhDs Network.

 - On the AUPA meeting they discussed having a “Company Dating Day” for the PhD's at Humanities. They are advised to talk to AU Career day or to Vibeke Bro about organizing such an event

d. Health

- No one was present from Health.

2. Update from PAND

- They are hosting a retreat where they will be conducting workshops next week on the 1st and 2nd of June. Viktorija will also be going but another representative from AU can join as well.
None of the other AUPA members are available at these dates so Viktorija will ask someone from BSS to join.

3. Potential collaboration with AU Career PhD & JR

- AU Career and JR are having mentor sessions which PhD's can also take.
- We can play a more active role in collaboration with the AU Career and JR.
- Viktorija will ask them if they have any events they want us to distribute on the AUPA website.
- The collaboration could make us more visible and that way we will be better able to help more PhDs.

- We as AUPA could do a lot to help make the local organizations more visible as well.

- At the AUPA meeting different ways to enhance the local organizations were discussed

4. Potential collaboration with PhD House Activity Group

- Potential collaboration in connection of financial support or marketing were discussed at the AUPA meeting.
- The meeting is scheduled on the 5th of June
- In the AUPA meeting the board agreed that people want to network but that the events may not appeal to the PhDs as the events may be too general in character. Due to this it was debated in which way AUPA should have collaboration in terms of advertising or/and financial support.
- Currently, the PhD House Activity Group seems to have a very international environment. As AUPA we could help make the PhD house Activity Group a more general environment and get more Danes to come as well.
- In the AUPA meeting members of the board who are present in this meeting question the Joint Action and noone agrees to work on the Joint Action.
- For the next AUPA meeting, board members should vote and make a final decision whether or not Joint Action are to be continued.

5. Discussion of managerial and organizational aspects of AUPA

- a. Representation from the local association on the board of AUPA
 - It was agreed upon that ideally, AUPA have to recruit at least one person from each association and to make this mandatory.
 - There is a need to reach out to more people to make this happen.
 - It was discussed having two people from each association – one representative and one alternative person to substitute.
 - Making incentives for people join associations/political job were debated. AUPA want to investigate if members can get departmental hours for attending. AUPA will reach out to Stine Birk Christensen or Marie Huus.
 - Heidi will contact Annemarie, Byron or someone else with authority
 - Simon will contact someone at ST about this as well.
 - Perhaps Stine can have it written in the form.
 - It was discussed to write and ask the local associations to send one of their members to be part of AUPA as well. But this was debated as well, as being forcing them too much. However, it is a very logical and practical solution to ensure the faculties are represented in AUPA.
 - Simon will try to find a temporary member while he is abroad to fill his spot.
 - Enhancing the local associations will help the AUPA in the long run as well.
 - AUPA has to make sure of the transfer of new members when people leave the AUPA board.
 - Viktorija will contact Andreas and ask him if he is a member of the Health Board.
- b. President and Vice President on research stay abroad in Autumn 2018
 - Simon and Viktorija will try to find their own replacements from outside the AUPA board until they return.
 - Both Viktorija and Simon can be contacted through emails and will probably only miss three meetings or attend via skype
 - Heidi will step in and coordinate with the secretary while Viktorija is away.

6. Discussion of political aspects of AUPA and the strategy 2018-2019

- a. Danish language lessons: Is it possible to transform these into institute hours or credits (ECTS)? (Vilde and Anna)

Vilde and Anna have been in touch with Stine about transforming it into ECTS or hours, as well as paying for the classes.

1. Free Danish education courses:
 - FVU: literacy skills and that is completely funded by the government. Those courses are used by internationals to keep studying Danish for free.
 - Stine will get back to us but we will have a meeting on June 25th.
2. Is it possible to transfer into ECTS point:
 - Stine: ECTS will be based on individual assessment – it is a local issue.
 - AUPA: we think it should be written down in a formal form. Make this explicit information at all levels.
 - Let us try to map what responsibility the people have down the organizations. At the different faculties, we need to find out at what level this is to be decided.
 - Ana will try to find out who to contact and take it to the GA next week.
3. Specific about the courses they are offering:
 - “A to B” organized tailor-made courses but because of the resources they ended up lumping people together. The problem is that these courses are non-free, which will result in a drop of the people who want to learn Danish which will have a general impact on the learning.
 - Marie will invite Ana to our drop-box so she can upload this here

b. Stress (Simon)

- Focus is on reducing the work load.
- Let us make a document where we can see what we are working on and the progress of it so we do not forget.
- Heidi will make a googledoc about this where people can add information about: a) the task they are working on, b) who is responsible, c) goals, and d) status of the project.

- c. New recruitment norms (Omnibus, PhD Fellowship FB group)
(Felix, Viktorija)
 - Omnibus is willing to collaborate on the interview.
 - Felix will update us on this.
 - We want to figure out what has been agreed on and what is said between the lines.
 - Viktorija will help Felix with the issue of the recruitment norms

- 7. Deciding on the date for the next board meeting
 - Week 33 – the 16th of August at 4 – 6 o'clock.

- 8. A social event for the new AUPA board in the near future, e.g. going to Street Food, bowling, a Friday beer somewhere, or something else...?
 - Viktorija will ask Michael Winther if we can have money to spend on the new AUPA board to get together.
 - Mini-golf and street food outside in June.
Perhaps the 27th of June?
 - Viktorija will make a doodle with 3 dates and ask people.

- 9. Any other business?
A new student assistant taking over Marie's role

Contact person for AUPA: [Stine Birk Christensen](#)