

Summary of AUPA meeting 19th of November

1. Formalities

- Election of Chairman: Steen Fagerberg
- Election of minute-taker: Malene Lassen
- Approval of minutes: Approved

2. Updates from local committees

- Science and Technology
 - It was suggested that PhD-students should have a valid ID card that showed that they are PhD-students. This will be discussed with the pro-deans. However, it is a good idea for all PhD-students to have an ID card! AUPA will therefore post on their website how to get a new ID card.
 - If “Fremdriftsreformen” is followed through, the advantages of 4+4 and 5+3 will shrink. However, it said in the wording of the Act that some special master degrees were precluded. AUPA will look further into this problem.
- Business and Social Sciences
 - Nomination should be granted in regard to what PhD-students teach in. The time nomination should be streamlined.
- Health
 - The General Assembly was cancelled due to lack of member representation. A new General Assembly will be held later on.
 - PhD-Day is under preparation.

- ARTS
 - ARTS has never been represented in AUPA before. The new representative from ARTS will advertise for AUPA and find out who the local PhD association from ARTS is.

- Others: Last meeting with “Lalent Båndet”
 - Responsible research practice (the Vancouver Protocol) was discussed at the meeting. There is a big difference between the faculties on this matter and it was discussed whether Aarhus University should follow the protocol or not.

3. Update from the meeting on PHD Planner and streamlining the PhD thesis

- Everything should be done through PhD Planner. This means that the process will be streamlined in regard to when mails are sent out, deadlines, division of responsibilities etc. It will be a long process!

4. Presentation by Nikolai (External)

- Update on the PhD Fight
 - It is unsure where the board of directors stand. They wanted AUPA to arrange the PhD Fight by them self. However, AUPA thinks that the PhD Fight should be arranged through corporation with the board of directors. AUPA does not have enough resources to arrange it alone.
 - It was agreed that AUPA must make a clear plan of the event. In this way the board of directors might be convinced that they should collaborate with AUPA. Further, AUPA will contact Svend in order to express their stance.
 - It will be examined whether some student workers from the Communication Department can be hired to help organizing the PhD Fight.

5. Expectations to the next year in AUPA

- It is important to secure continuity in the board. However, none of the existing board

members are running for election again, therefore everyone has to think about new persons to put in position.

6. Changes to the Statutes

- Amendments suggested by the board:
 - It was suggest that AUPA should have a treasurer.
 - It was proposed that it should be possible to supplement with new board members continuously. If there is not a full board new board members should be added.
 - If a board member is inactive or absence in an undecided number of meetings is was discussed that it should be possible to suspend the board member.
 - §1.3 should be changed from *“AUPA’s board will work on changing the rules and guidelines (...)”* to *“AUPA’s board will work as an advisor (...)”*
 - §5.10: *“All agendas and minutes from the board meetings must be put on the webpage (...)”*. Minutes should be changed to summaries.

- Others
 - It was discussed whether there should be a document describing rules of procedure in regard to media contact. However, the president should have support to comment on some aspect even though he is not expression every board members’ opinion but only the majority’s opinion. Therefore, it was decided that information should be sent to all board members but that the president has a mandate to speak to the media.

7. Update on the survey on stress and loneliness (update will follow prior to the meeting)

- The results are not ready yet and the survey will be discussed at the next meeting instead. However, it was suggested that AUPA should prepare a list of ideas beforehand.

8. The remaining finances on our bank account (approx 5000 DKK). What should we use them for?

- The money should be spent on a guest speaker to AUPA's General Assembly. The speaker could for example have the APV as topic and discuss how to deal with stress, competition etc.
- The money needs to be spend this financial year!

9. PR campaign on issues

- It is a problem that most PhD-students are not familiar with their local PhD associations. Therefore there should be links and presentation of the local PhD associations at www.phd.au.dk. Further, it was suggested that AUPA should link to the local PhD associations but this was not agreed on.
- AUPA should make some advertisement for them at the General Assembly.
- It was discussed that registration to the General Assembly could be done by email.

10. Any Other Business

- "Fremdriftsreformen" is a reality and AUPA will pay attention to it in the next six months of hearing!
- Emil Brøndum contacted AUPA. AUPA will make a presentation to "PhD Day" about who we are and link to our mailing address and webpage.
- Next meeting will be in January.