

Summary of AUPA meeting 24th of February 2014

1. Approving the agenda

- Point number 4 “Approving the minutes from last meeting” is removed from the agenda because the minutes from last meeting were not sent out
- The agenda is approved

2. Election of chair

- Steen Fagerberg was elected chairman until the new president was elected. After point number 7 Mathias Vinther was chairman.

3. Election of minute taker

- Malene Alber Lassen was elected minute taker

5. Presentation round among the old and newly elected board members

6. Orientation of how AUPA works

- The interdisciplinary platform should improve
- AUPA will still be represented at the Talent Band and at meetings discussing the PhD Planner
 - It was suggested that AUPA should have a more formal and permanently representation at the meetings with the pro deans. The meetings have so far been only about the survey but other issues would be important for AUPA to discuss with the pro deans as well.
- AUPA has an important role in discussing AU’s finance cuts and the Quality Survey.
- AUPA has a facebook page (likes should increase), a webpage and a domain (aupa.dk). It is a issue that AUPA cannot communicate with all Ph.D. students.

7. Election of president, vice-president and treasurer

- Election of president: Mathias Vinther was elected
- Election of vice-president: Kristine Dyrmann was elected

- Treasurer: Marie Kjærsgaard was re-elected

8. Update and news from local ph.d.-associations

- Science and Technology
 - AU's finance cuts have been discussed. The cuts will most likely not influence the Ph.D. students from ST.
 - A few lesser Ph.D. students are starting this year due to the cuts
 - The amount of teaching hours might be changed
 - The survey has been discussed. Some Ph.D. students are uncertain what their supervisor wants. Many from Geology do not want to recommend their supervisor
 - Ph.D. Planner is not working
- Business and Social Sciences
 - General Assembly was held last week
 - AU's finance cuts have been discussed.
 - They will affect students from Psychology most
- ARTS
 - It has been arranged that AUPA's board members from ARTS can join to the local committee's meetings.
- Health
 - They are still organizing
 - Aggressive cutback on scholarships

9. Follow up on ph.d.-survey and thoughts on the forthcoming process.

- AUPA will most likely be invited again. Steen and Jonas will come as well.
- AUPA can acquire data from the survey (the report should be send to all new members by email).

10. AUPA 2014

- Mathias suggested that working groups should be made: one group to deal with the finance cuts and one group for the survey.
- Local committees should be all eyes and ears in order for AUPA to know what to work on.
- Next meeting: Mathias will send out a doodle

12. Any other business?