

AGENDA FOR AUPA’S BOARD MEETING

TIME: February 24th from 4-5 o’clock

LOCATION: 1520-137

Attendees:

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY:

1. Welcome
2. Formalities
   1. Election of chairman
   2. Can this agenda be approved?
   3. Approval of minutes from the last meeting (they are on the website)
3. Election Committee Representative

* Nobody puts their name, before we know more about, what being a rep entails
* Shubhangi will write and ask them

1. Library Talk on the Well-Being of PhD Students

* = a full day of talks and workshops
* Some from AUPA will present AUPA and what we do
  + We’ll coordinate with Livie from the PhD Association
* Shubhangi will forward the programme
* March 18th. Our presentation is 10 minutes from 13-14. Anyone is welcome to be a part of the presentation

1. Meeting with the Graduate School leaders

* They wanted to meet regarding the new, sixth principle regarding discrimination - they’d like to include it to the other five principles e.g. proper research, open enviroment
* Questions from us regarding the wording etc.
* We also presented questions we got from elsewhere
* We said they should change the wording to “zero discrimination policy”
* Impartial body, you can turn to – with authority to act upon the told
* Should not only be a tool for PhD students
  + ARTS already has a body – Biomed and Health doesn’t
  + Somewhere you can go to the professor – but problematic since the professor could be a part of the discriminating enviroment
* They took it very seriously – had a lot of questions
* We gave a short however efficient presentation
* Also, we presented how other unis in DK has acted upon this issue
* They wanted to take it up on a higher decision level
* From here, we were told to go present it to the faculty leaders
  + If anyone is up for this – go do it
  + Ask Kristian for permission to be sure
  + Should we bring it to the Summit first? (the new standard for bringing issues to the Graduate School leaders)
  + We should do it in two steps: 1) Bring something to the ~~faculty~~ department heads (who’ll bring it to the faculty heads) 2) bring the issue to the Summit
    - 🡪 a Summit in the spring
  + Or reach out to the PhD committees of the different faculties
  + PhD School heads are the easiest to reach
    - 1) We’ll write Kristian whether we can write the PhD School heads and (simultaneously) 2) bring it up on the Summit
* Until now it hasn’t been taken seriously – asked whether the homepage wasn’t help enough

1. The Hearing on the new strategy of AU (2030)

* Malene discussed the matter in the Academic Council
* AU as a greener partner (1), sustainable AI (2) and a third pillar
* Essentially, the Academic Council discussed whether this was the right direction
  + No how to – just a direction for instance they want to implement “grøn omstilling” teaching on all the educations but it says nothing on how to implement it
* In sum, the strategy sounds nice because it doesn’t deal with the hard questions e.g. how to implement it – hard to criticize it
  + Nothing specifically on the PhD education in the strategy – hard for AUPA to have an opinion
* It’s too vague, the strategy – hard to comment
* “you can’t disagree with the education should keep being good”
* A more concrete strategy or being more concrete on where do you want feedback from AUPA would help
* Shubhangi will respond

1. Dates for events

* General Assembly – April. Anne-Marie makes a Doodle
* Summit – we’ll see to that after the GA
* Does anybody have an idea for an event? May
  + Entrepreneurship for instance
  + Greater cooperation with the Activity Group – they have a great turn up
  + 1-2 events a year with an academic component
  + We need a report on the events of the year in 2025
  + We have a brainstorm document in Teams
  + A chemistry professor with start-ups wanting to give another talk (he was a good speaker)
    - We should come up with a date and write him
    - We can discuss a collab with the Activity Group – could be nice! (could use the advertisement of the Activity Group)
    - Doesn’t have to catch all PhDs – on the other hand, we need enough sign-ups

1. Attract new members at the Introduction Days

* Shubhangi’ll send out a mail
* We missed one since no one could join

1. News
   1. PAND
   * GA in the end of March
     + Michelle will step down as vice chair + AUPA rep
   * Finalizing the Eurodoc 2025 which is going to be held in Copenhagen in May
   1. HAMU
   * A meeting coming up
   * Need a new rep instead of Martin. If anyone is interested they can join Martin on May 14th at 13 o’clock
     + Marius will join if he decides to join AUPA
2. Todays topics
3. Status from
   1. The strategy group
   2. The events group
4. Deciding on the date for the next board meeting

* Week 12. Anne-Marie’ll make a Doodle

1. Any other business?

Deciding on topics for next meeting: