Agenda for **AUPA’s GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024**

10.03.24, 16.00-18.00

* Part 1
  + Welcome and introduction
  + AUPA Yearly report, w. Thomas
    - Aim: Better represent the interests of PhD students at AU across faculties (1) and create networks between these (2). Before primarily well being and talent development. Now also work life balance for instance
    - The event (1) and strategy group (2)
    - 16 meetings since last GA
    - Member development: 5 after GA last year 🡪
    - Political focus areas: Consistency in ECTS-points across Danish universities (success) (1), AUPA Summit (2), compensation for AUPA (3), absence rates in PhD courses (4) and work loads of PhDs (5) + stress coaching (not necessary), AUPA Conference 2023
    - Representation: HAMU (a), PAND (b), Well-being Committee (c)
    - “AUPA’s View on AU”: AU is a huge organization with a lot of sub organisations with varying rules. AUPA is a little moon. Last year a cut off moon according to the faculties but tied together with the PhD School leaders and PAND. AUPA Summit in late January 2024 was a success, because AUPA connected to the faculties (the shared information makes it easier for the faculty committees to bargain when they can point to the conditions in other faculties)
      * + AUPA Conference 2023

Great turnout (big development since the last event)

Not a great speaker, but nice socially

* + - * + Strengths (now cleat aim, many board members, money, student assistant, funding) and limitations (previous unclear aim, under-engagement due to voluntary members, missing communication paths, Well-being committee has been dissolved)
        + Opportunities: Stronger connection to the faculties (a), better delegation in AUPA (b), improve visibility in AU (c) and more funding from PAND (d)
        + Accounting: Spend 62377 DKK on meetings, events and student aid. Earned 60000 DKK. Total balance: -2377 DKK. The budget has already been approved by AU without complaints. For the next term we have 11299 DKK in remaining funds.
  + Activity Group Yearly report w. Georgios.
    - Social committee of AUPA – organizes events
    - Events: Canoe trip, board games, outdoor/indoor escape room, outdoor cinema, AROS guided tour, Pint of Science, paddle tennis, Den Gamle By at Christmas
    - In need of new members
  + Updating AUPA statutes
    - Aim was before only talent development – now more open: Represents interests and foster networks between PhD’s
    - More inclusive rules according to who can be in the board (§2.1)
    - More informal association with the committees (local PhD associations) – difficult for people being in two boards at the same time (§2.4)
    - Standard language of the board is English (§2.8)
    - Mechanism for excluding inactive members (§2.9); include what to do if you have to go away – give notice by sending a mail to the chair is enough
    - New proposition: What to do if you have to leave the board-policy: 1) Give notice and 2) try to find a substitute for the board (§2.10). Will entail being removed from the website and the mail list
    - New proposition: It’s the role of all board members trying to recruit to the board (addition to §2.1)
    - Regarding the role of the chair: 1) Granted power to delegate, 2) being the link to the PhD School leaders and 3) being the moderator at meetings (§2.6)
      * The new statutes will be voted on on the next board meeting
  + ~~Voting in of new members~~ New members can hand their e-mail addresses to Anne-Marie

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* Part 2
  + **Discussion**: what is AUPA and where should we go?
    - What is AUPA?
      * Doing events – but not social events like the Activity Group
    - ~~What is the need for an organization like AUPA~~
      * How to delegate better and better the engagement of AUPA members?
        + The suborganization (strategy and event group) worked well
        + In need of a new vice chair. Shubhangi will be the new chair (soft hand over since Thomas will stay in the board for some time)
        + When recruiting new members, ask them where their interests are (achieving both personal and common goals)/why are you not joining?
    - Which problems are there at AU which AUPA could address? In relation to…
      * ~~Well-being?~~
      * ~~Supervisor relation?~~
      * ~~Dissemination?~~
      * ~~Transpartent and fair adminitration?~~
      * ~~Career perspectives?~~
      * Other issues?
        + Too little time – extend the meetings to 1,5 hours + eat and discuss at the same time
        + Proposition: Doing the meeting other places sometimes e.g. in a bar/in the different faculties
        + Advertise all our board meetings through Facebook events + flyers out on the faculties. Does the faculties have SoMe channels, we could use to advertise? Stronger SoMe advertisement would be preferable
  + Music quiz + Pizza