AGENDA FOR AUPA’S BOARD MEETING

TIME: 17.00 – 18.00

LOCATION: 5220 - 214

Attendees: Thomas, Shubhangi, Martin, Cille, Maria, Anupam, Hannah

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY: Fie

1. Welcome
2. Formalities
   * Election of chairman: Thomas
   * Can this this agenda be approved
     1. The agenda has been approved
   * Approval of minutes from the last meeting (available via Teams)
     1. The minutes have been approved
3. Reach out to people from AUPA
   * Francesco is taking a break from AUPA. We need a substitute treasurer
     1. Shubhangi will be the new treasurer.
4. Compensation track
   * David (head of Nat PhD school)
     1. At the end of October they will have a meeting across all faculties
     2. Here they will discuss reforming the way dissemination hours are being filled right now
     3. As a part of this, he will bring up that it should be possible to get dissemination hours for doing volunteering (like being a part of AUPA)
     4. There is a long time horizon for this being implemented
5. News
   * PAND
     1. Should AU continue supporting PAND? Follow-up on talks with Kristian
        1. It’s not his decision, and it has been decided at a national level. He will look into it.
     2. There was a GA. Cille attended this.
        1. Fie stepped down from the treasurer position at PAND
        2. Following a strategy retreat held in August, people were pre-selected for these formal positions. Before that they had also decided to disjoin the vice-chair and treasurer position
        3. Two other informal positions were filled as well
     3. PAND is doing well.
   * HAMU
     1. There was supposed to be a meeting next week. This has been cancelled. Nothing new until April.
     2. Martin is attending the wellbeing meeting in 4 weeks. This wellbeing committee was established after covid-19.
     3. International students are worse off than Danish students (wellbeing-wise)
     4. Feedback from international students
        1. Better initiation.
        2. Get in touch with the community – more communication from the international networks
        3. The social aspect is lacking.
        4. Better cross-faculty communication and network.
        5. Additional introduction day for international PhDs
        6. Understanding basic things and aspects of doing a PhD in Denmark beyond the practicalities
6. Conference
   * We have filled up the conference. Everyone meet there at 17.00
   * Practicalities:
     1. Get the car: Maria and Thomas. Meet at 16.00
     2. Someone will be there to let us in.
     3. Miriam and student aid from career service will be there. They will help with practicalities.
     4. Set up room
     5. Coffee and cake has been ordered
     6. Bring roll-up
     7. Activity Group will order food
     8. Greet attendees and socialize
   * We have been asked if we can do the conference in a hybrid format
     1. It doesn’t make sense for this workshop
     2. We can ask Monika if we can share her slides with them?
     3. We will set it up, but if it doesn’t work, theres nothing we can do.
7. Emails
8. Planning future events
   * What should we apply for at PAND?
     1. End of October
     2. Halloween theme – 5 minutes to present their projects as a scary story
     3. After that, there could be a social activity
     4. October 31st – book room from 17.00
     5. Martin will write down something and make a poster
     6. Make a sign-up link
        1. Martin will discuss with Activity Group
     7. Town hall for PhD students
        1. Invite PhD students to come and complain
        2. Whine and cheese club
        3. Sometime in late-November
     8. Mental wellbeing – Shubhangis advisor does some mental wellbeing and health. He is a compassionate facilitator
        1. Workshop for stress release
        2. November and late-January
           1. Choose a date and let him know
9. Recruiting more members for AUPA
   * Can we send a common newsletter to all Ph.D.s?
     1. Right now we have to go through the institutes
     2. AU has very strict policies as to not send mails out to everyone. He will ask about this, but it is not likely
     3. Mention the newsletter at the conference
   * There is an overview on Teams about who to contact at different departments. We should ask people to sign up for our newsletter at the introduction days.
   * AUPA is not present at all introduction days.
     1. Find out who is in charge of the introduction days at the different – find an overview and send to Thomas
   * Thomas will try to recruit people at the conference. Contact people at the introduction days.
10. Deciding on the date for the next board meeting
    * A doodle has been sent out.
11. Any other business?
    * Refreshments: We will order food for the future meetings.
    * Future meeting focus:
      1. Local PhD Associations
      2. Update on stress-coaching