



AGENDA FOR AUPA'S BOARD MEETING  
TIME: 16.00 – 18.00  
LOCATION: Zoom

GUESTS:

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY: René, Serena, Valentin

1. Welcome
2. Formalities
  - Election of Chairman: Kristoffer Ibsen
  - Approval of minutes from the last meeting (available via Dropbox)
    - i. The minutes have been approved
  - PAND:
    - i. Send around the survey  
<https://survey.dm.dk/LinkCollector?key=Q6LQ25FNS2CN>
    - ii. Share it around to your respective faculties
  - Mario presented at onboarding day: encouraged people to sign up for AUPA
    - i. We have not received any message yet.
  - Kristoffer talked to Stine and Michael about finances and how to approach meeting with heads of graduate schools
    - i. Representation issue: they would be happy to help us spread the word about faculty representation in AUPA
    - ii. Talked about onboarding process and webpage
    - iii. Encouraged working with PhD and Post Doc activity group: Association that organizes social events for PhD students
3. Local committees and AUPA representation – we are missing representatives from ARTS and NS.
  - Mario is considering starting a local representation at TS
  - Contact the administration at ARTS and NS faculties and ask them to include a notice in their next newsletter
  - Contact AU Career and announce it in the AU Career PhD & JR newsletter
4. AUPA's focus this year – how can we improve on the issues that we talked about last time?
  - Make three pools that have their own area of responsibility
    - i. Pool 1: Onboarding practice
    - ii. Pool 2: Identify useful tips and tricks and finding ideas for improving the website
      - A. Peter will look into what might be relevant to add to the FAQ etc. both for Current PhD students and specifically for AUPA
      - B. Nanna will look into tips and tricks to add to webpage

- iii. Pool 3: Working conditions and local support
  - Ideas from last meeting:
    - i. Improving onboarding experience for new PhD students
      - A. We can ask previous members of AUPA for information on the onboarding practice at the different faculties. We will use this information to bring up at the meeting with the heads of graduate schools.
    - ii. Thesis and project templates for AU
    - iii. Finding courses for PhD students to teach: departments have different regulations for PhD students as teachers
    - iv. We could do more to get PhD students to be able to get part-time.
    - v. Trying to support local committees
  - Good idea to contact PhD and Post-Doc activity group to work together more
    - i. Mario will get in contact with them about a possible collaboration
5. Topic for this year's conference – please prepare ideas.
- Networking: We all have to build up a network after corona – new PhDs as well as old
  - Work life balance: different experiences from PhDs. Also a broad topic so we can find a lot of different talks on this
    - i. PhDs from different faculties have different rhythms of work
  - Overall broad topic: Improving the PhD journey
    - i. E.g. have one session on networking
    - ii. And one on work life balance
  - Next step:
    - i. Structure: Have the same structure as the wellbeing conference
    - ii. Decide on topics
    - iii. Find speakers
    - iv. Find a date later
  - For next time: Look into wellbeing conference and how that was organized. This is available via dropbox and has been sent out via email.
6. Heads of graduate schools meeting
- Covid-19: What's the status regarding being on campus
    - i. Talk about extension funds – this is still a big issue for PhD students. This differs from faculty to faculty.
  - Mental health status of PhD students
  - Social events when we get back
  - Onboarding process: both in general and for the new PhDs during Covid-19
  - Extensions will be an issue for a long time. A lot of first years are not applying now, but probably will in their third year because they were slowed down by corona.

- Coming back to work: Different from department to department. In some PhDs are allowed to come back in a limited way, and in others they are not allowed back at all.
    - i. We should push more for PhDs being prioritized in this process
  - Meeting is the beginning of May, and we have to send points to discuss by the 28<sup>th</sup> of April. We should have a short meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - 1 hour on the 28<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss points at graduate school meeting.
7. Deciding on the date for the next board meeting
- Please make sure to answer the doodle as soon as possible.
  - Week
8. Any other business?