



AGENDA FOR AUPA'S BOARD MEETING

TIME:

LOCATION:

GUESTS: Nis Langer Primdahl, Rene Bærentsen, Tenna Foustad Harbo, Stig Elkjær Rasmussen, Karoline Larsen Kolstad, Katia Soud, Lina Bukowski, Anne Klode, Ana Lucia

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY: Matilde Jeppesen

1. Welcome
2. Formalities
 - Election of Chairman : René Bærentsen
 - Approval of minutes from the last meeting (available via Dropbox)
 - i. Minutes have been approved
3. Meeting with DM nad PAND
 - Meeting on how PhD students were being treated
 - i. No communication or very vague communication from AU
 - ii. Suggestion to demand a free month extension with pay.
Opportunity to opt out if it is not necessary for your situation
 - It was nice to experience
 - i. DM is pushing for a solution and has our interests at heart.
This requires a political solution → the university should not stand alone with this.
 - ii. Reassurance that there are competent people fighting for our cause
4. Challenges for PhD students as a consequence of the Corona virus
 - Has the University made an official statement?
 - i. No official statement yet
 - What is the next step?
 - i. It was suggested that now that we have collected all this information, it would be good if someone would write an opinion piece on this topic that we could publish in one of the bigger newspapers.
 - A. Article would make the most sense if it was sent on behalf of the national PhD association. It would show that we are standing together and we are all affected by this in some way of another
 - B. Aim is to put pressure on the government, not the independent graduate schools
 - C. Strategy towards AU would be more communication. We are not expecting solutions, we just want more communication. We would benefit from getting

partial information as we go along rather than focusing on “final” information

a. Communication is clearly lacking. It would make sense to write some kind of letter to the heads of graduate schools → we have a responsibility to represent PhD students and their worries

b. René will draft a letter asking for more communication → Karoline will help with this

D. Cecilie: DM wants people to present their cases and how the crisis is affecting them. They need to know the range they need to consider.

ii. AUPA: We should have an update on our website and facebook page. Communicate that we are trying and we are communicating with the authorities to reach an agreement. Update on website and facebook page.

A. Tenna and Mathilde will take care of this.

5. Deciding on the date for the next board meeting

- 6th of May from 16:00-18:00

6. Any other business?

- Usually the meetings would look differently. Given the circumstances it seems premature to begin looking and the next conference for wellbeing. For the time being, we should suffice with the shorter “crisis” meetings rather than the “normal” board meetings.