

AGENDA FOR AUPA BOARD MEETING

TIME: October 19th 4-6 pm

LOCATION: Building 1632, room 203

GUESTS: Viktorija Kulikovskaja <viku@mgmt.au.dk>



1. Welcome

- Søren, the president of AUPA announced that by November he would start working in Norway and therefore AUPA will soon need a new president.
- It was decided that vice-president Litten will then serve as constituting president at least until the general assembly.

2. Formalities

a. approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from last meeting was approved.

3. Updates and follow-ups

a. from local associations

Arts PhD Network: Are working on an event about the working environment for Arts PhDs. Currently two of the three speakers asked have agreed to give a speech. Money to the event have been granted.

Faust: Jesper is out of the country and therefore could not attend this meeting.

HE: The recruitment norms have been discussed. Furthermore, they have discussed the rights to get a laptop which the PhD students at Health do not get automatically. The association thinks that it is the responsibility of the supervisor to provide financial support for PC and software.

BSS: Have not met since the last meeting. They encourage people to sign up for the election.

b. Joint Action group

Event

- Joint Action group held an event about procrastination last Thursday. The event went well and the two speakers as well as the topics were good. One speaker spoke for 40 minutes the other for approx. one hour and sandwiches were served.
- 45 people had signed up for the event but only 32 showed up. It was agreed upon to overbook event in the future with approximately 10 people as this time we had to turn down people only to have empty seats on the day of the event.
- It was discussed at the AUPA meeting that a two-hours speech might have been better.
- Students attending the event said that in general it was a good event but perhaps a bit too unscientific. They seemed to like the first speaker the most whereas the focus for the second speaker (mindfulness coach) should have been moved to focus on what the students should do about being stressed instead of what being stressed means. The exercises were considered useful especially the first one. However, people were a bit skeptical – it takes time to practice mindfulness. The food seemed to attract the students as well.
- Litten will send/post an update about the event and it was agreed upon to boost the pictures from the event on Facebook.

Need for more members

- The Joint action group need more members. Heidi signed up.
- AUPA needs members as well.
 - Recruiting methods were discussed and personal contact was agreed upon as the best way. AUPA needs 1-2 people from BSS - Viktorija may join if she wishes – at least one more from Arts (preferably an

international student), and one more from ST as well. Litten will write to Jesper about this.

- It was agreed upon that people can join right away for now.

New meeting

- The Joint Action group wants to hold a meeting when Jesper returns. Litten will email Jesper and the rest about it. Advertising on Facebook and adding people as administrators is under consideration.

Budget

- The budget for next year Facebook advertisement will be 2000 kr. For the rest of the year we can spend 800 kr more for Facebook.

c. PAND

No one attended the last meeting due to late notice. Jesper should try to get a substitute in better time or find someone to help him. Søren will write and email to Jesper.

d. Facebook group

- Generally going well. Every time something is posted we get likes and also new likes and the numbers have risen from 240 to almost 500. People know about us.
- Søren will write about the videos.
- It was debated whether or not to touch on the recruitment norms. However, Søren and Andreas will have to write to Stine Birk about this first as the information might still be confidential.

e. Library meeting

- Heidi and Jesper went to a meeting with the people from the library discussing a service inspired by one offered in Odense called “filoteket”,

where PhD students can book interview-rooms and such as well as the library organizing events for the PhDs. Heidi have photos about it.

- At the meeting the library people were very keen on cooperation with us. However, we do not yet know if there really is a need for this (Open access, pure courses?).
- It was decided to contact them again to start cooperating with them and also we need to ensure that we can use the library for Joint Action. Heidi will write to them so they know they have a contact person and talk about rooms.
- We will talk about it at the next meeting. (perhaps in 3 weeks)

f. How to get published (course)

- Heidi attended the meeting and discussed the course and it is now up and will be held on the 7th of December.
- As the title seemed strange it was changed to “How to get published”.
- It was agreed upon on the AUPA meeting that though we initiated this it is now their project.
- Some PhDs will get credits for the course but others will not depending on the department they come from.
- Søren wrote to Helene asking about the evaluation on these courses and she said that people were in general happy and evaluated well on the course.

g. Meeting with the PhD school leaders

Søren met with the PhD school leaders in mid-September.

Budget

- They saw that we had unused money left in our budget and asked us to lower it as it takes away money from other associations. This was agreed to as we have a sufficient amount of money in buffer.
- Jesper expects next year's expenses for Joint Action to be 10-12.000 kr. and the Joint Action budget for next year will be 15.000 kr.. The Joint Action is

expected to be reduced a little in the cost for the café and perhaps do one big event a year with the new money.

- Budget for the rest of AUPA next year: 20.000 kr (secretary, facebook, ect.)

Credits for LærDansk Lessons: (Important! – follow up on the following):

- Søren spoke with the PhD school leaders about the international students getting credits for taking lessons at LærDansk. They agreed to go home and think about it and they seemed to think it was a good idea. This may in fact be doable. Really fast from idea to being carrying out.

Request from agriculture:

- They want us to participate in an event similar to our JA-event in Jylland (Foulum) and Sjælland (Flakkenberg) and give inputs and feedback on the format.
- It was agreed upon that the event in Sealand was too far away but that we might attend the one in Jylland
- Søren will write to them and ask what it is about and what they want.
- They also asked if we could live-stream the JA-event?
- **Science of Society**
- Andreas shared 4 or 5 events on facebook and had a meeting with them. They are able to make around 10 events a year and Andreas gave them his input and told her how he thought could be attractive for PhD students.
- Andreas proposed making other events too which were not just about doing business. Said we would consider it.
- In November they have a kick-off event where they want to stimulate making your project transferable skills and it was considered a good idea. She was thinking about contacting a funding support service. The event in November will be in Stakbogladden and it will be free.

- It was agreed upon to think of this as resources to draw on and to keep the connection.

4. Recruitment Norms

- Since last meeting we submitted an answer.
- Conclusion were the same in the other groups submitting an answer: The going abroad rule was the biggest point of discussion. Also in some departments it would be difficult to implement some of the rules.
- The headmaster informed at a meeting (BSS) that since Copenhagen University had implemented some of the rules last year we should do it too and nothing could be done. However, the recruitment norms are still under revision.
- It was debated at the AUPA-meeting whether to protest or not. However, it was agreed upon that Søren will write to Stine Birk first about whether this is public information or not as well as asking for dates.
- It was also suggested to contact Omnibus, ForskerGruppen or someone else to write an article about it.

5. Election at AU

- Overall, we need to get the seats filled and spread the word.
- Søren have tried to actively contact people and ask them to run but it is hard to get people to show up. People do not respond to emails.
- Health is going to have an election since they have 10 interested and only 7 seats.
- You can nominate until the 24th of October (AUPA members can nominate themselves).

6. Discussions (if time allows)

- a. The average PhD student

No time.

7. Social stuff – evaluation

It was agreed upon to set up a new date between November 1st – 19th.

Litten will make a doodle.

8. AOB

- Health has a column in Inside Health and asked us if we wanted to write about AUPA.
- It was agreed that Litten will ask them about the format.