

MINUTES - AUPA BOARD MEETING  
TIME: August 16<sup>th</sup>, 1.00-3.00 pm  
LOCATION: Dale's Building, Meeting Room 3



1. Welcome
2. Formalities
  - a. Election of Chairman
    - i. Helene
  - b. Election of minute taker
    - i. Sanne
  - c. Approval of minutes from last meeting
    - i. No comments
3. Updates and follow-ups
  - a. from local associations based on emails
    - i. PHAUST: The next GA next week. Currently working on a taxes question and “whom do I ask”-paper, which will soon be finished.
    - ii. BSS meeting tomorrow. Keep an eye on the language at the meetings.
    - iii. Health: collaboration with Helsinki – and invitations send out for the PhD day.
    - iv. ARTS: meeting next month. Started up again.
  - b. email/PURE-profile policy (William)
    - i. Forwarding email as a possibility, but for how long
    - ii. Another possibility is extending it for 3 months or something like that, alternatively auto-reply, which is more unlikely
    - iii. Maybe try to work on extension and provide people with a guide on how they stay visible (Researchgate etc.)
    - iv. Emails are managed locally. Currently your email run out at the PhD defense.
    - v. Mention at JA events, local PhD associations and on Facebook and on our webpage.
    - vi. Make a package to PhD students that are almost done with their PhD – we can talk to the administration to find out how we get in contact with these PhD students (before the thesis is handed it, when the PhD thesis is handed in or something).
    - vii. Maybe collaboration with Center for Entrepreneurship, which is a department that will help PhD students to make a transition to a career outside academia.
    - viii. Work to do: *Rune will contact Center for Entrepreneurship Helene will contact Vibeke, AU Career, we all mention it at the local PhD associations and contact the administration on the local Graduate Schools.*
  - c. secretary

- i. We have hired a new secretary ☺ Helene and William will meet with him on Tuesday.
    - d. project management course – August 30
      - i. Created on the initiative of AUPA.
      - ii. Important for AUPA to follow the course – evaluation meeting on August 30. *Can anyone participate? Nadia knows a participant who we can ask as back-up*
- 4. Joint Action workshop – plan for the fall
  - a. Work-life balance – end of September. Good suggestions for speakers?
    - i. Rune knows a sports psychologist working for team Denmark. Would be a good subject for a longer session.
    - ii. Sanne will ask Christina Schnorr if she knows someone at AU.
    - iii. CUL department – arranged the quality in the PhD survey.
      - 1. Rune knows Gitte Wichmann – it could be an idea to contact her to hear the thoughts about the survey.
    - iv. Personal perspective from a postdoc or young professor
      - 1. Someone authentic
    - v. Maybe we should make a bigger event about work-life balance.
    - vi. *Send suggestions to the Joint Action work group – they will send out a mail after the meeting.*
  - b. Two JA events in the fall (September and end November – December)
- 5. APV (APV work group)
  - a. The themes are the same as made by the university for other employees. In general the PhD students do a bit worse in the APV compared with all employees.
  - b. There are a lot of fluctuations when looking at the different institutes. We should decide how detailed to do it – a lot of the problems are probably on institute-level.
  - c. This alone is a nice summary compared with the original, because we know how it looks like for PhD students.
  - d. Ideas of what to do now
    - i. Present some focus points on Facebook
    - ii. Distribute it to the local PhD associations and they can distribute it.
      - 1. We are not allowed to put all the numbers – but we are allowed to present certain numbers as a summary officially. The raw numbers can be shared with the local associations.
      - 2. Since we got these numbers we should also use them.
    - iii. Incorporate some of the numbers in the Joint Action.
      - 1. Do you feel lonely in your day-to-day work (almost 1/3 at ARTS)

- iv. Identify the departments that do really good one some parameters and ask how they do – and how can we learn from it.
  - 1. “Best practice” list.
  - 2. Whenever we want to do something we can “pick-and-choose” the numbers
  - 3. Maybe get Omnibus to present something
  - 4. Present brief few numbers on Facebook (maybe with a link to the website with the summary posted there).
    - a. *Group: Rune, Christos, Jesper will contact Omnibus and “best” departments to ask how they do. And try to get an English version of the question.*
    - b. *The numbers should be distributed to the local PhD associations – and from there the local PhD associations can decide how to go about it. AUPA suggests that it in someway should be presented at the PhD committee meetings.*
    - c. OBS keep in mind that at some departments it is very small numbers and might not be representable.
  
- 6. Evaluation of PhD survey from ministry (survey work group)
  - a. Information about supervision was not sufficient. They do not reflect how important supervision and the relationship with your supervisor is.
  - b. The way the questions about delay are asked will not reveal the ones who are delayed.
  - c. There are no specific questions for international PhD students and industrial PhD students.
  - d. They are not interested in finding out whether the program is okay, but only more detailed stuff – would have been interesting also to have broader questions.
  - e. The results will be published in the fall – and we do not know what it will be used for.
  - f. With regard to the current debate on medical PhDs – Rune’s department will publish some papers on this – contributing with some of the issues that are lacking in the current debate.
  - g. One of the goals was internationalization – how is this managed in the survey?
  - h. Maybe an opinion paper in Berlingske or Information – how do you measure quality – is that what they are doing or what is it you do.
  - i. *Helene and Sanne will write a draft – Rune will help to make contact with the researches that are publishing on this soon. Maybe we can invite them to our next meeting.*
    - i. *Suggestion: Use catch phrases – validity, integrity (ask Hanna)*

7. National PhD association
  - a. DTU invited us for a national meeting. The process has been delayed a bit. We can maybe start the collaboration with them at a later point.
  - b. Maybe we can make a meeting with them after the results have been published.
  - c. Rune has contacts at Aalborg University – where they have had a similar discussion.
  
8. Website update
  - a. The website should be updated.
  - b. Page on how to manage the transition out of your PhD
  - c. Photos of everyone – and maybe a small description about why you are at AUPA.
  - d. Upcoming events
  - e. JA description
  - f. What is AUPA currently working on – should be updated after each meeting.
  - g. Maybe a report of what has been done in the previous year on the webpage
  - h. The secretary can update the website
    - i. Maybe an event calendar
  
9. Planning of “How to get published” seminar – August 31 at 10
  - a. One day event
  - b. Invite an editor and someone who knows how to present research.
  - c. The event will be in November, but there is no date yet.
  - d. We have been invited to participate in the planning
    - i. Lise W. Bach, secretary Stine, and an AUPA member (Helene).
    - ii. *If you have any ideas they can be sent to Helene.*
  
10. Other businesses
  - a. The Center for Entrepreneurship have some workshops that they would like to be advertised through AUPA.
    - i. It can be advertised through AUPA. They can send it to William, who will post it.
  - b. Next meeting:
    - i. October