

AGENDA FOR AUPA BOARD MEETING

TIME: May 22 4-6 pm

LOCATION: Meeting Room 1, Dale's Building

GUESTS: Helene and William



1. Welcome

Present: Søren, Heidi, Kristina, Nadia, Litten, Johanne, Anne, Andreas,
Helene, Roberta

2. Formalities

a. Election of Chairman

Søren

b. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Approved.

3. Focus for the next year (invited: Helene and William)

- Focus on making AUPA more visible to the Ph.d. students
- Focus on the frustration on the Ph.d. courses – determine what should be done by the local associations and by AUPA
- Visibility regarding Joint Action – could this be a way to reach out?
 - Perhaps the time point should be changed, since 4pm is a bit too early for some people and also too early for the people who need to pick up their children.
 - Balance topics between political topics (like gender equality) and the usual topics. However, would be attend the political events?
- Be more political (like the work with the Ph.d. survey) and be visible not only to Ph.d. students but also more broadly (to university politics).
AUPA has increased their political activity within the last year and is an important voice at the university and also in the press (reported by Helene)

- To broaden the horizon e.g. by combining Joint Action with the local associations.
- Make the Ph.d. evaluation more visible to all Ph.d. students to emphasize that Ph.d. students are not alone and there should always be someone to go to.
- Should the political visibility be only local or national?
- Make AUPA more visible to Ph.d. students at ARTS. It is important for AUPA that all faculties are represented.

Distinguish between short term and long term goals.

- The long term goal should be to always keep the interests of all Ph.d. students on the political level.

4. Revision of strategy: (invited: Helene and William)

Helene's suggestions elaborated:

- Website: "best practices toolbox" and "transitioning out of the Phd" were made due to poor results among Ph.d. students in the APV and to make it easier to deal with problems when finishing the Ph.d. (like vacation in the last year and keeping your email and pure profile)
- Quality in Ph.d.: Should the Ph.d. program be re-structured? After meeting the ministry there is an opening right now to contribute with suggestions on how to improve the P.d. (e.g. courses which has been debated a lot). Regarding the new investigation in 2017, they are open for inputs for the questionnaire. The make the questionnaire in June.
- Nominate supervisor of the year: planned to do last year, but AUPA was too busy.
- Joint Action – sandwiches: An idea to bring Ph.d. students together and make more students participate.
- Seminar day: Invite Ph.d. students all over Denmark and debate:

- flexibility in the Ph.d.,
- how can supervisor-student relationship be improved,
- incorporation of the industry in the Ph.d.,
- internationalization.
- differences in Ph.d. program (teaching, courses, money for computers etc.)
- Invite the ministry and the media. The
 - Challenge: to keep it constructive and not a "complaining day"
- Political topics could be taken up and discussed at every AUPA meeting. If we encounter something, then it should be put on the agenda or discussed on Yammer

Summed up:

- Focus on events: Joint Action (sandwiches): All agree on trying with the sandwiches, and the working group will include this in the next meeting. Also it is a priority to try to reach out more and actually make sure that people know that there is sandwiches.
- Political activity: Seminar is a possibility, however it will take a lot of time to plan this. For next time everybody should think about if this is something we want to do. Perhaps the seminar is a big step for a new group, so maybe start out smaller?
 - Andreas will make a document on Yammer for political discussions.
 - If anyone has a good idea for a topic, send it to Søren for next meetings agenda.
- Visibility: Make a "transitioning into the Ph.d." and send a welcome out to all new Ph.d. students by email. How to do: ask the secretaries to send out to ONLY the new Ph.d. students. OR we could ask the Graduate Schools to send out the information about AUPA.

- Give input to the survey questionnaire: Helene will hand over the contact. Establish a working group: Jesper and Søren was in the ministry working group and will participate together with Litten and Anne (Jesper will be asked first).
 - Updating the strategy document: Heidi will be in charge of this
5. Facebook procedure (invited: Helene and William)
- AUPA Facebook page: Get more people to like the page, perhaps do some sort of competition? Ask the local associations to advertise for our page, and also invite the people we know our selves.
 - Facebook page Do's and Don'ts:
 - Don't post too early – around 6 pm is best.
 - Post photos and videos.
 - Be honest about what you would read ourselves.
 - Boost the popular posts (even after a long time) - the price is 140 kr for approx. 1000 views.
 - Repost posts from the University page (e.g beautiful pictures of the university and so on).
 - Establish a working group for improving the Facebook page: Andreas, Anne, Roberta. If a fourth member is needed, just reach out!
 - Do posters
 - Put events on the page
 - Boost posts (agreed that the working group has a mandate to do this) - talk to Jesper about the economics.
6. Updates and follow-ups
- a. from local associations based on emails
 - PHABUS: Planning a seminar on Gender Equality by doing a survey.

- Arts: No local association. Heidi will look into this and talk to the Graduate School and Byron (Arts Ph.d. Network).
- Health: Nothing to discuss.
- PHAUST: Nothing to discuss.

7. Joint Action evaluation

- Postponed to the 20th of June. Advertisement will start soon – could be boosted on the FB page. The procrastination event will be an extended event after the summer holiday.
- Idea on topic: Gender Equality: Vibeke Lehmann did a presentation about this at BSS
- Lene Tanggaard just wrote a book about supervisor-student relationship

8. Meeting schedule

17.08.17

12.10.17

07.12.17

25.01.18

15.03.18 - General Assembly

9. "A Guide for International Academic Staff" – mail from Nina (8/5-17)

- Change email address from "president-email" to the board-email. Søren will talk to Nina about this.

10. "Ombudsmand" case, BSS

- Take up discussion on the need to create a position for an "ombudsmand" with the Ph.d. school management.

- Nicolas has some points about the case (Anne has the email and will forward it)
- The discussion will be broad up in the local associations
- We will write something for the webpage and put on FB

11. Website – news section

- The important things will be put on the website, and advertised on our Facebook page
- Otherwise, all news will be put on the Facebook page
- The board meetings will be put on the Facebook page as well and invites will be send out.

12. Meetings with the PhD school leaders

a. April 18

b. May 17

- Discussion of the report and AUPAs take on it. Main points:
There is awareness of supervisor problems, teaching hours were discussed (it is a degree of freedom from the department since they are the ones paying the salary – and they don't want to change it), the course activities were discussed and they emphasized that the 30 ECTS is "approximately" and you can do other activities to earn your points. They will look at the level of the courses offered, but they will not change the amount of ECTS at this point.
- The industrial Ph.d.: It is not a possibility to incorporate the industry into the academic Ph.d. at this point.
- The meetings a biannually and we are welcome to join

13. AOB

- Mailing list: Who is not on the AUPA list: Andreas, Kristina, Roberta - Litten will take it up with Nina,
- Everyone who does not have access to dropbox should contact Jesper