

MINUTES: AUPA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
TIME: 31st of March 2017, 13.00 – 15.00
LOCATION: DALE MORTENSENS BUILDING, IC HOUSE
MEETING ROOM 2



1. Welcome

2. Formalities

- Election of Chairman: Helene
- Approval of minutes from last meeting: yes

3. Presentation and approval of the Report of the work done by the board of AUPA in 2016-2017

- **President's Report**
 - The President made a presentation of AUPA where it was explained that AUPA is in the middle of the four faculties HE, BSS, AR and ST. In AUPA the members discuss general topics and AUPA has become more political over the past year. AUPA provides a platform to share ideas and knowledge across faculties and departments.
 - During the year AUPA has meetings every 2 months. In additions, the workgroups in AUPA meet separately to make projects.
 - The projects the board has worked with through the year.
 - *First Topic:* Psychological work environment (WPA). The results came out last summer. They looked bad in terms of stress, loneliness and bad supervisors for the PhD students. AUPA made an APV toolbox and has launched Joint Action workshops to alleviate these problems.
 - *Second Topic:* How to transition of out the PhD. It is a problem after a PhD student has finished the education it is not possible for potential employer to look the student up in the system.
 - *Third Topic:* AUPA made a couple of activities in collaboration with the PhD school management. One of them is 'how to get published' seminar, which was very popular. AUPA has also been in contact with the PhD school management about a hearing for a new law proposal. Finally, AUPA continues to collaborate with the PhD school management around a project management course.
 - AUPA has spent a lot of energy on the analysis of PhD education by the ministry. The Ministry of Higher Education and Science launched the analysis results two weeks ago. The results were discussed in a seminar following the general assembly.

- PhD Association Network Denmark (PAND): a new establishment for PhD students across the country. The purposes were to enable PhD students to engage in the European PhD students network and for the PhD students to share their knowledge across country. The co-chairs are currently DTU and CBS.

- **Report from Joint Action workgroup**
 - Main focus for Joint Action is to bring PhD students together.
 - The purpose is to create an opportunity to draw on each other's experience in a social context. The benefit is to network with the other faculties and get inside in the academia, which hopefully would eliminate stress and loneliness.
 - Structure: Currently, there are 4 Joint Action events per year. The events include a presentation of a relevant topic followed by an activity. Afterwards there is opportunity to hang out and network. Every event has had positive feedback.
 - A challenge is to communicate the events out to the PhD students.

- **APV Results and Toolbox**
 - A workgroup from AUPA has collected some best practices. They went to all faculties and to departments where the numbers were good and narrowed it down and made a couple of suggestions on how to solve the problems which is listed on the website.
 - The idea behind the toolbox is that it is a place where departments can look it up and get ideas on how to solve varying problems and see other best practices for solutions.

- **Vice-president's Report**
 - One of the missions in AUPA is to get every one to think towards the same direction and to share knowledge and preserve that knowledge.
 - Communication goals for AUPA is get the message out. It is one of the big challenges in AUPA. There have been good responses when AUPA has political messages. To sum up communication AUPA has to create news on Facebook and advertise on Facebook. It would be a good idea to post pictures or videos from meetings and events. More workgroups might be a solution to that.
 - In the future, AUPA could consider having several work groups with more defined roles – like the Joint Action workgroup. These work groups may include members who are not also members of the board.

4. Presentation and approval of the Financial report

- There are two main expenses: Board meetings and Joint Actions
- AUPA currently has two grants: USM (25,000kr) and Joint Action (20,000kr). The grant for Joint Action is new and awarded in 2017 and 2018.
- The money is granted annually and cannot be transferred to the following year. Ideas of how to use the money is on advertisement and perhaps sandwiches for Joint Actions meetings.
- In 2016 we have spend 7481.5 kr. and 1285.4 kr. on Joint Action and Board meetings.
- 2017: so far expenses board meetings (330kr) and JA (2050kr). In addition, the secretary's salary is paid from the UFM grant.
- Approve: YES

5. Incoming suggestions?

- advertising and perhaps sandwiches for the JA events
- more working groups

6. Presentation of candidates for new board

BSS:

- Andreas K
- Anne Pintz
- Søren Kærgaard Slipsager

ARTS:

- Heidi Agerbo

HEALTH:

- Litten Rossen
- Johanne Hovgaard Egedal

ST:

- Jesper Halkjær
- Nadia Sukusu

7. Election of board members and alternates

All candidates were elected for the board. There are still open seats.

8. Other Business

There were no other businesses.