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## Minutes of the meeting in The Joint Consultation Committee on October 27, 2021

**Participants:** Kjeld Pedersen, Jette Marie Christensen, Astrid Heidemann Lassen, Jens Henrik Andreassen, Lars Rosgaard Jensen, Brian Vejrum Wæhrens, Klaus Kjær, Lars Diekhöner.

**Unable to attend** Kjeld Nielsen, Michelle Malaca Nielsen

### 1. Approval of the agenda

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*Approval of the agenda for today's meeting*

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Agenda approved.

### 2. Budget and Economy – Budget 2022

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Appendix 1: MP Budgetramme 2022-2024

*Discussion Budget 2022*

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Budget frame for 2022-24 (Appendix 1) reviewed and discussed, among other things, in relation to building grants, staff costs, the compensation model (part of the new budget model) and expenses in connection with the rehousing in 2022.

Appendix 1 reflects the budget frame as allocated to MP. We are currently working on the detailed budget for the department - deadline mid-November.

The new budget model ends up as an advantage for MP. No need for cuts and savings. The budget pave the way for us to prioritize our strategic efforts (which the faculty also expects). This means that we have a good financial starting point for our cross-cutting strategic efforts around exo-skeletons, recycling and circular economy and hospital engineering. In addition, we strengthen the department with a professorship in materials and one in Astrophysics.

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The discussion also led to a question about the situation when we return to the offices in Fib 16 after the rehousing. The idea of using our experiences from the rehousing (where we have to make things work on fewer square meters) and maybe rethink the way we use fib 16, has also been brought up at the coordinator meeting on 14 October. All participants in the meeting agreed that this is an issue worth discussing in SU.

#### **Follow-up:**

Discussion of the conditions in Fib 16 after rehousing will be included as an issue on the agenda at a meeting of The Joint Consultation Committee.



### 3. AOB

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Question about the delegation process for head of department

Kjeld officially holds the post until 1 January, when Jens takes over. The 'handing over' is planned for December and January. Kjeld is also available afterwards. There is also a strong network and support via the faculty and the department head colleagues there.

### 4. Communication to the department

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*Is there anything from today's meeting we need to communicate and who does it?*

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We will hold a digital staff meeting for all employees about the budget when it is ready - expected at the end of November.

In addition, we prepare (as usual) a financial document for the budget, "Principles for MP Budget". When the document is completed, everyone will be notified via MP Inside - expected in early 2022 (see also MP intra> Economy and budget MP: <https://www.intranet.mp.aau.dk/Guidelines/economy/>).