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Minutes of the meeting in Department Council on November 10, 2021

Participants: Kjeld Pedersen, Simon Bøgh, Esben Skovsen, Esben Lindgaard, Jan Anker Nielsen, Nanna Bergmann Winther.

Unable to attend Astrid Heidemann Lassen, Julie Thuri Thrane, Peter Kjær Kristensen.

1. Approval of minutes and agenda

Appendix 1: Link to MP Intra, minutes from meeting April 28th 2021 - <https://www.intranet.mp.aau.dk/committees-councils/Department+Council/>

Minutes and agenda approved.

2. Budget and economy

Appendix 2: MP Budgetramme 2022-2024 Orientering og drøftelse af budget 2022

Information and discussion Budget 2022

Budget frame 2022-24 reviewed and discussed, among other things, in relation to external turnover, the new budget model and compensation, major AAU buildings and their economic consequences, STÅ and buy out of employees.

Overall, it is a better budget than previous years. The new budget model ends up as an advantage for MP. No need for cuts and savings.

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Secondary discussion: efficiency improvement – work procedure in relation to teaching allocation – better coordination? It is ineffective as it is done today. The tasks could be grouped differently, for example, several groups in the same semester instead of a single group on several semesters. It will "require" some kind of rotation. Matching of expectations with the students is also important – both in relation to guidance and teaching.

3. Buildings and rehousing PON 103

Appendix 3: Plan genhusning

Appendix 4: Genhusning fordeling af grupper

Information and status on buildings, including reconstruction of FIB 16 and the plans for resettlement.

We still expect the renovation of FIB 16 to begin in March 2022. The plan is to have students on Frederik Bajers vej 7F throughout the semester.

The potentials and challenges of the new study environment in the basement of FIB 16 were discussed.

Less new buildings than first planned and renovation/additions to FIB 14 – avoiding public procurement. This leads to a redistribution and rethinking of the various workshops and laboratories.

The long-term goal, is to gather all our activities near each other on campus – laboratories, students and staff. Here Myrdalsstræde and PON 103 can be part of the solution. It will have great influence on our collegiate community and collaboration across department.

There is a shortage of auditoriums – and it does not get any better when first year students ‘arrives’. We can expect some changes in this area, for example late-night education, more digital education and so on.

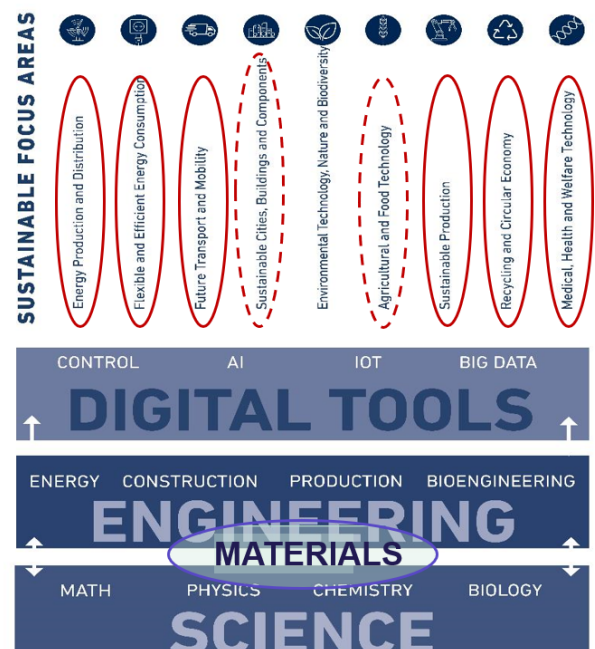
4. Strategic focus areas

Information and discussion of the Department's strategic focus areas – Exoskeletons, Plastics/Recycling and Circular Economy and Hospital Engineering.

Kjeld briefly informed the council about the three areas which strengthen the institute, have the stature and societal relevance to bring home funds and additionally combines our research in distinguished ways. There are many threads internally as well as externally across faculty and the university. The areas also have a direct link to the faculty's sustainability strategy (link to strategy: <http://www.e-pages.dk/aalborguniversitet/839/>)

Vision for M&P

- Vi skal være centrum for forbindelsen mellem naturvidenskab og teknik
- Vi skal være i stand til at forbinde til bæredygtig produktion
- Vi er stærke til implementering af teknologi i industrien
- Materialer og Produktion – Nødvendig partner i fremtidens (tværvideenskabelige) projekter





Discussion of other possible areas – for example, robotics? Are there other links to the AAU strategy and vision?

5. AOB

Delegation process for head of department. Kjeld officially holds the post until January 1th, when Jens takes over. The 'handing over' is planned for December and January. Kjeld is also available afterwards. Jens knows the Department very well because of his role as vice head of department and head of studies for several years, and this will be the starting point for his work.

Idea: Department day – could create better grounds for research collaborations across the department. An opportunity to “discover each other”, create greater knowledge and understanding.

We are reviving the concept of inaugural lectures – an event where the newly employed lecturers and professors talk about their research. The first time will be on December 17.

6. Communication to the Department

Is there anything from today's meeting that we need to communicate to someone?

Skipped as we ran out of time.