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Minutes of extraordinary meeting of MP's Department Council on December 8, 2021

Participants: Kjeld Pedersen, Simon Bøgh, Esben Skovsen, Esben Lindgaard, Peter Kjær Kristensen, Nanna Bergmann Winther.

Absent: Jan Anker Nielsen, Astrid Heidemann Lassen, Julie Thuri Thrane.

1. Approval of the agenda		
Approved.		

2. AAU strategy – target agreements for MP

Enclosure 1: link to new AAU strategy - https://www.strategi.aau.dk/digi-talAssets/1093/1093578 aau strategi 2022-26.pdf

Enclosure 2: Målaftaleskabelon_Viden for verden 2022-26_091121

A new strategy has been adopted for AAU: Knowledge for the World 2. In future, the strategy will be worked on through one-year target agreements with each department, where status will be made and new initiatives in relation to the goals will be reported, which will then be announced annually. Target agreements for 2022 must now be drawn up. The deadline is December 17. The department management would like to discuss the target agreements for MP with the Department Council

Presentation was reviewed by Kjeld.

We had the same discussion with the coordinators yesterday and it will also be discussed at the joint consultation committee meeting later today. It will also be presented at the staff meeting on Thursday. It is a very short process as we must have our final version of the target agreement submitted on Friday December 17.

The new target agreements replace the 5% agreements we normally make with the Faculty.

We focus on goal 2 Research (as the other areas are dependent on input and delivery from others at the university).

This target agreement covers 2022, which is why we have immediately addressed what we are already working on. Including the three strategic areas - exoskeletons, plastic recycling, hospital engineering. We also work on the basis of the Faculty's sustainability strategy. This is a start and then it must be an ongoing process from here and later on.



Points from discussion:

- With the old vision, we created more identity, common larger units / institutes, the administration's presence at departments, clearer lines / unification. With the new vision, we are challenged on interdisciplinarity. It requires a different structure and a much better collaboration across. One consequence of the larger units is that one has closed oneself more about oneself. For example, teaching in other fields of study.
- Alumni are a good idea. Many would be interested. Ambition level and resources must be in place.
- Data processing an area where we can offer more than outlined. CLAUDIA must be inward they
 have methods and tools.
- Mobility this is something we require, but we must also provide the opportunity. Teaching is the reason it has not happened. We need to have more flexibility in relation to teaching so that we can create opportunities for us to go out and create CVs. When we raise money for projects, we also raise money for teaching (PhDs, post docs that can do the teaching).
- We do too little on digitization.
- We can get better at tools.
- Our studies are an obstruction to many new developments and initiatives. We are stuck in "care" and see problems in things, instead of looking at what we want. We need a different organization of teaching - flexible, natural cycle and better cooperation. For example, it was easier with an overall planning if we shared our teaching material.

Follow-up:

Presentation and draft text for target agreements will be sent to the department council immediately after the meeting for (quick) commentary.

3. AOB			
Item not reached.			