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Agenda meeting in MP Department Council on the 2. november 2022

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Cancellations: Esben Skovsen, Astrid Heidemann Lassen

1. Approval of summary and agenda

Recommendation: IU is asked to approve summary from latest meeting in the Department Council.

Appendix 1: Summary from Department Council meeting: 06.04.2022

<https://www.intranet.mp.aau.dk/committees-councils/Department+Council/>

Short presentation of the members of the Department Council.

Summary and agenda was approved.

Follow-up items:

No follow-up.

2. Budget

Setting: Deliberation concerning budget 2023

Appendix 2: Budget 2023

Before the meeting, it was brought to the Department Council's attention that the budget has been postponed from the faculty. It is therefore decided that a new meeting will be arranged as soon as the numbers are known from the faculty.

Declining STÅ and rent increases are expected to have a negative impact on the budget. The collective message from AAU is that we generally have fewer STÅ and increased rent. Furthermore, the principles for delegating STÅ have been changed. From now on the owners of the course will receive STÅ. The new model have been discussed at university level and among others it has been noted that the expenses connected with running the programmes have not been taken into account.

Follow-up:

A new meeting will be arranged as soon as the budget figures are known from the Faculty.



Relocation to Fib16

Setting: Deliberation of the architect proposal and the relocation process Fib16

Appendix 3: [Plans from the architect](#)

The relocation to Fib16 has caused some concern among the students, hence the students have been invited to a meeting regarding the process. Only a few students showed up to the event, but it was the impression that those, who participated, received insight into and an understanding of the new plans. In the new plans focus is on better use of square meters in general, more light, better indoor environment, more open areas, and better use of the yard environment. In all quadrants, there has moreover been focused on meeting rooms and lockers for the students. In this regard, it is mentioned that there have been students and employees involved in the process of renovating FIB16.

The plan is that the handover of the building will take place on the 20th of January 2023. The basement is however expected to be ready in the beginning of March, which will cause some difficulties for the new students starting on the 1st of February 2023. The impression is, however, from the VIPs who until now have lectured at Fredrik Bajers Vej is that the group rooms have been used less than expected. For that reason, the student should not expect new groups in the period from February to March. In the Department Council it was mentioned that this might be due to Corona. This is however expected to change going forward.

The employees have been asked to put forward their wishes for the relocation back to FIB16 based on their experiences from Pon103. Many have had good experiences with joint offices and the lunchroom in FIB14 amongst others. All wishes have been brought to the architect, who has made a proposal based on the input.

The plan will be discussed in the management. Currently, there are no changes made in the building. At present the plan is to rebuild one quadrant at a time. The idea is that the groups will be given a number of offices, which was the case when moving to PON103

The management ask the Department council to discuss how the Department ensures best possible use of m2. Examples to be considered flexible office spaces, fewer group rooms for the student, etc. The energy crisis and the increasing rent are just underlining the importance of thinking in new options to reduce the institute's fixed expenses.

The students acknowledge the challenge concerning the increasing costs but are at the same time drawing attention to the potential consequences for the students well being. In relation to this the students suggested that the Department should follow up on the removal of the group rooms and the possible effect the study environment, when moving back to FIB16. One suggested to look at the dropout rate and the failure rate during corona. Moreover, the teachers in the Department Council mentioned the open study areas which have amongst others been introduced at Create as a possible alternative to group rooms.

Physics move from Skjernvej to Fib16 will be handled separately. Nevertheless, Physics has been included in the new plan and the relocation to FIB16.

The student ask for the possibility of a storage room when the students move to FIB16.

Follow-up:

The management will discuss the new plan and ask for the groups to comment later in the process.

3. AAU strategy – Goal agreements for MP

Settings: Briefing on process, status on goal agreements 2022 as well as deliberation of goal agreements for MP 2023

Regarding AAU's strategy: Viden for verden 2, it has been agreed that the Department at AAU will make one year action plans and report every year to the faculty. Deadline for sending in the report is 17th of November 2022.

Appendix 4: Goal agreements MP 2023

Jens shortly informs about the goal agreements and the process. The institute has sent the report to the faculty. AAU has 8 prioritized goals in total – in this regard, the postgraduate-programmes (EVU) is a new. The following areas have been laid out for the institutes: EVU, AAU as a mission-driven university and AAU as hotspot for talents and talent development. The five other goals are run centrally: Integration of SSH, communication to stakeholders, research and digitalization, green organization, and one administration.

Deliberation of the 3 focus areas, which the institute is responsible for:

- Mission-driven university: At the institute seminar, a positive dialogue about this task was initiated. The Institute has reported 4 proposals to the faculty: 21 Century HealthCare, Recycling, Abundant Renewable Energy by 2050, Halve the waste associated with green energy production by 2030. These proposals are reported to the faculty. In total 17 proposals have been reported to AAU. Concurrently, further work is being done at both faculty and institute level in order to embrace more research areas..
- Talent development: The Institute is experiencing a generation gap, hence it becomes important to ensure continuity and development of the existing research areas. Moreover, a more structured approach to talent development will be initiated. In relation to this internationalisation is an important focus area. Sabbaticals are mentioned as a possibility to increase the internationalisation. Esben suggests that the semester coordinators are included in the work on how to prepare our student for a research career and how we spot the research talents.
- The generation gap is being discussed and solutions to meet this challenge. Recruitment of new employees is a possibility if the budgets allow this.
- EVU: Is a priority at the university level because. Henrik Brohus is in charge of the EVU-area for Engineering. MMT could be a flagship for the institute, but the programme should be revitalised. This work has already been initiated. Moreover, the following options are deliberated: Ph.d-courses could be designated as post-graduate programmes. It is important to notice that this suggestion demands for a higher level among the course participants. "Tompladsordninger" might be considered a way to upgrade people from the industry. Another suggestion is to offer courses to employees in the health sector. The teaching should be made more independent of time and place.

Follow-up:

No follow-up.

4. EVU – Post-graduate programme

Setting: The Department Council is asked to deliberate the Institute's possibility for post-graduate programmes, including further development of the current EVU offers (MMT)



Appendix 5: [Link for MMT Curriculum](#)

Jens ask the Department Council to consider how we can further develop the MMT – please see above item for further elaboration. Esben is asking the management to consider how to motivate the employees to engage in this area.

Follow-up:

No follow-up.

5. Evaluation of meetings – Meeting schedule 2023

Settings: Evaluation of meetings in the committee – how do we collaborate, scope, subjects? Are there changes/new subjects? Proposal for new meeting schedule for 2023:

April – week 15

November – week 44

Generally speaking, the Department Council are content with the meeting structure and content. In relation to this it is made clear that the task of the committee members in the Department council is to contribute to positive development of the institute. The Department council has no decision-making authority but functions as an advisory committee for the institute management. Proposal for new meeting schedule was approved.

Follow-up:

Secretary in the committee invites to new meetings in 2023.

6. Any other business

Hamilton asks for a short introduction to the new programme in Physics. Nanotechnology is changed to Physics and Technology with three specialisations, nanotechnology, industrial physics, and material science respectively, to strengthen the student intake. Moreover, it is now possible for the student to choose their field of study after the first year instead of choosing it from the beginning. The subject has been discussed in the study board. The new study programme will be offered from summer 2023 if the changes are approved by the ministry.

Follow-up:

No follow-up.

7. Communication for the institute

Is there anything from today's meeting that we should communicate to anyone – and who is responsible for this?

The summary is put up on Intra and link is sent out to the employees in the Department newsletter.

Follow-up:



Link for the summary will be included in the Department newsletter.