

Meeting on: 13 April 2021

Online

43<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Danish Board of SDC

Minutes

Present: Lars Bo Nielsen (AU, Chair), John Renner Hansen (KU), Bjarne Graabech Sørensen (SDU), Dana Minbaeva (CBS), Georg Dam Steffensen (ITU), Peter Kjær (RUC), Kim Dam-Johansen (DTU), Morten Laugesen (SDC), Søren Walbum Høst (SDC)

Apologies: Rasmus Antoft (AAU)

1. Approval of Agenda
  2. Report on the Evaluation of SDC's Educational Portfolio
  3. Strategy and Action Plan 2021
  4. Industry Advisory Board (IAB)
  5. Approval of the Annual Report for 2020
  6. Planning the autumn semester 2021
  7. Economy – Annual Accounts 2020 and Forecast 1, 2021
  8. Approval of the Rules of Procedure of the board
  9. Approval of meeting dates for 2022
  10. Subject for the coming meeting of the board
  11. Briefing from the director
- Any other business

## 1. Approval of Agenda

The board approved the agenda for the 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Danish board of SDC

## 2. Report on the Evaluation of SDC's Educational Portfolio

The evaluation group presented their analysis and recommendations to the board.

The recommendations are thematically grouped as follows:

- Knowledge based and targeted recruitment
- Broad and coordinated marketing

- Attractiveness – bring knowledge into play
- Flexible solutions
- Framework conditions and incentives

The board expressed its satisfaction with the report, which is thorough and recommends a number of ways to recruit more Danish students for the SDC programs.

The board asked the director to prepare a catalogue of actions and investigate the legal basis where necessary. The catalogue will be discussed at the next meeting of the board.

The board agreed to forward the evaluation report to the Rectors of the Danish universities and the SDC PCs/HEPs together with a cover letter from the Chairman..

### **3. Strategy and Action Plan 2021**

Morten Laugesen introduced the suggested action plan and argued that a revision of the strategy is not considered necessary for the time being. The board approved the action plan.

### **4. Industry Advisory Board (IAB)**

Morten Laugesen gave a status on the efforts to establish an IAB based on the board's previous decision. The board decided to maintain the ambition of a formal collaboration with industry representatives but possibly in another form, e.g. through corporate partnerships.

### **5. Approval of the Annual Report for 2020**

The board praised the report and noted from the high quality that many resources had been invested in the making of it. The board discussed if resources at the SDC-office could be better allocated to other tasks as some surveys suggest that few recipients actually read the annual reports they receive. The board will leave it to the director to decide how to allocate the resources in the future.

### **6. Planning the autumn semester 2021**

Morten Laugesen informed the board of the situation in China and his dialogue with UCAS. Most likely, teaching in the autumn semester 2021 must be conducted online. The board took notice of the information and stressed that all relevant stakeholders should preferably be informed as soon as possible.

### **7. Economy – Annual Accounts 2020 and Forecast 1, 2021**

The board approved the annual accounts 2020 and took note of the first quarter report of 2021.

### **8. Approval of the Rules of Procedure of the board**

The board noted that the phrase “ansætte og afskedige” should replace “ansætte og evt. afskedige”.

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The board approved the Rules of Procedure.

## **9. Approval of meeting dates for 2022**

The board agreed that there will be a need to kick-start activities and re-establish the contact to UCAS, the Danish Embassy and others when the world opens up. The board invited the director to plan for this.

The board approved the meeting dates for 2022.

## **10. Subject for the coming meeting of the board**

- Briefing on the PhD double degree
- Presentation from PET
- Prioritisation of the recommendations from the evaluation group

## **11. Briefing from the director**

Morten Laugesen informed the board about:

- Reorganisation of employees at the Danish SDC office and the need for new and bigger facilities in Aarhus
- Introduction of a New Business Index in China together with DCCC, the Danish Embassy in China and DCBF
- New HEP for SDC LEI program
- Recent meeting with Danish National Security and Intelligence Agency

The board took note of the briefing.

## **Any other business**

The board agreed that the evaluation group should be commended for their outstanding work. The SDC-office will take care of this.