

Meeting on 15th December 2022, 13.30-15.20
University of Copenhagen
49th meeting of the Danish Board of SDC

Minutes

Present: Henrik C. Wegener (Chairman, KU), Jakob Fritz Hansen (DTU), Kristian Pedersen (AU), Peter Kragelund (RUC), Martin Jes Iversen (CBS), Helle Waagepetersen (SDU), Morten Laugesen (SDC), Gert Jørgensen (SDC)
Apologies: Rasmus Antoft (AAU), Georg Dam Steffensen (ITU)

1. Approval of Agenda

The board approved the agenda.

2. The present situation in China - possibilities and challenges

Morten Laugesen briefed the board about the situation in China and the future perspectives for SDC as the Chinese authorities have recently abandoned the zero-tolerance policy. The board took note of the information and expressed its satisfaction with the possible reopening of China soon which should be communicated to potential applicants for the 2023-cohort.

If possible, the board will organize its 2023 June-meeting in Beijing.

The board stressed the importance of increasing the number of Danish students and asked the Director to present specific alternative models at the coming board meeting in March. The Danish SDC-office is already in contact with UFM to clarify the legal basis for various potential models.

The Director will strengthen the dialogue with Danish companies on how to 'reboot' collaboration once China is accessible again.

3. Report on the Danish SDC-Office results 2022

Morten Laugesen informed the board about the Danish SDC-office's achievements in 2022 which are still affected by the situation in China.

The board took note of the information and expressed hope that the reopening of China will happen soon and constitute a new beginning for SDC.

4. Economy – Approval of Forecast 3 and Budget 2023

The board approved Forecast 3 and the budget for 2023.

The board discussed SDC's savings and asked the Director to clarify with UFM the possibility to reduce by half the 2023 contribution as a way to reduce savings. The Director will present relevant proposals for decision at the next board meeting in March.

5. Any other business

Nothing