Minutes of Danish SDC board meeting, 21 June 2011, 17.15-18.00

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Present:

Lauritz B. Holm-Nielsen (AU, chair), Jørgen Staunstrup (ITU), Lene Lange (AAU), Kjeld Erik Brødsgaard (CBS), Martin Bendsøe (DTU), Henrik Pedersen (SDU)

Ib Poulsen (RUC) and Nils O. Andersen (KU) were absent with notice

Executive Director of SDC Hans Gregersen and special advisor Morten Laugesen represented the SDC-secretariat.

Agenda:

- 1. Approval of agenda
- 2. Approval of minutes from SDC board meeting 5 April 2011
- 3. Brief status of SDC activities since last board meeting
- 4. SDC activities and account for 1st quarter 2011
- 5. PhD programmes
- 6. Other issues

1. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved

2. Approval of minutes from SDC board meeting 5 April 2011

The minutes was approved

3. Brief status of SDC activities since last board meeting

Hans Gregersen informed the board of the many SDC related activities since the last board meeting in April, including a comprehensive survey that is being conducted among Danish companies to map their expectations of the SDC and the collaboration with Styrelsen for International Uddannelse on marketing of coming SDC Master's programmes.

Unfortunately the first meeting of Joint Managerial Committee scheduled for early May had to be postponed due to different understanding of the contractual matters related to financial issues between the partners. At several meetings in Beijing between January-April, it has been clear that the two partners have a different understanding of the content of the Chinese part's in-kind contribution to the project. Several attempts to resolve the differences were made before it was finally decided to postpone the JMC meeting.

The board expressed its concern of the current situation and urged the partners to find a balanced solution as soon as possible in order for the JMC meeting to be conducted.

4. SDC activities and account for 1st quarter 2011

The board took notice of the information provided.

5. PhD programmes

The board took notice of the information provided

Minutes by Morten Laugesen