

**Minutes from the meeting of the Danish board of SDC 27 September 2016,  
14.00 – 15.30**

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The meeting was conducted between Aarhus, Odense and Copenhagen via WebEx

**Present in Aarhus:** Brian Bech Nielsen (AU), Inger Askehave (AAU), Lauritz B. Holm-Nielsen (SDC), Morten Laugesen (SDC), Søren Walbum Høst (SDC)

**Present in Odense:** Martin Zachariasen (SDU)

**Present in Copenhagen:** Thomas Bjørnholm (KU), Martin Bendsøe (DTU), Kjeld Erik Brødsgaard (CBS), Peter Kjær (RUC), Jørgen Staunstrup (ITU)

- 1. Approval of the agenda for the 26th meeting of the Danish board of SDC**
- 2. Approval of minutes from the meeting of the Danish board of SDC on 24 June 2016**
- 3. Briefing from the Director**
- 4. Action plan**
- 5. SDC Forecast 2, 2016**
- 6. Any other business**

**1. Approval of the agenda for the 26th meeting of the Danish board of SDC**

The agenda was approved

**2. Approval of minutes from the meeting of the Danish board of SDC on 24 June 2016**

The minutes were approved

**3. Briefing from the Director**

**3.1 House of the Danish Industry Foundation**

The SDC-building is expected to be completed in early 2017 after which the local authorities must formally approve the building before it can be handed over to SDC for use. The Danish SDC secretariat is in the process of purchasing furniture and ICT. Educational activities will move to the new facilities from September 2017.

Plans for the inauguration are coordinated between SDC, the Danish embassy in Beijing and Danish Ministry for Higher Education and Research together with the Chinese partners. SDC will announce the dates as soon as they are decided upon. The board members are encouraged to submit suggestions for guests to be invited.

### 3.2 Food and Health

The development of a new Master's program is progressing as documented in the attached document. The board took note of the report and commended that the program outlined in the report appears sound and solid, but expressed concern about the recruitment basis. The program seems to be mostly targeted at students from the natural sciences which are the most difficult to recruit for the existing programs. Furthermore, the board stressed the importance of examining the labor market situation for graduates of a program of this nature.

## 4. Action plan

Overall, the board commends the action plan for addressing the issues identified by the board and the international evaluation panel. The board supports the emphasis of the plan on focusing educational and research activities within the same themes.

The board approved the action plan with the following additions and corrections:

- The board's approval of the action plan rests on the condition that the planned level of activities can be supported within the ordinary budget framework.
- The board asked for a more precise indication of time frame
- The international evaluation panel recommends the partners of SDC to review the partnership agreement with a view to make adjustments to the partnership agreement. This has not been included in the action plan. The board recommends the following progression: Analysis>proposal submitted to the board>JMC
- The board emphasizes that there should be opportunities for all Danish universities in SDC and that this should be part of the basis of an assessment of the Master's program portfolio.
- The board emphasized that involvement of industry must remain a priority including the appointment of an Industry Advisory Board.
- The board did not support a recruitment bonus scheme and this action was relinquished
- The board approved the idea of organizing recruitment trips for interested science BA students to SDC in Beijing on a trial basis. The model will be reviewed after the first trial

## 5. SDC Forecast 2, 2016

The board took note of the forecast.

The budget figures for 2017-19 are rough estimates. SDC will present a detailed budget for 2017 at the next board meeting.

**6. Any other business**

- Possible JMC meeting in Beijing in the second half of December 2016.
- The board asked the director to provide a status on the development of a quality assurance policy for SDC's Master's programmes at the next meeting of the board

*Minutes by Søren Walbum Høst*

**Meetings of the Danish Board of SDC**

**2016**

13 December 2016: SDC board meeting (Danske Universiteter, Fiolstræde) 16.30-18.00

**2017**

16 March 2017: SDC board meeting 14.00-15.30

23 June 2017: SDC board meeting in Beijing

19 September 2017: SDC board meeting 14.00-15.30

15 December 2017: SDC board meeting 10.00-11.30