

## Minutes the Danish SDC board meeting, 3 October, 15.15 – 17.00

## MINUTES

The meeting was conducted as a video meeting between AU, AAU (Cph campus) and SDU.

**Present in Aarhus:** Brian Bech Nielsen (AU), Morten Laugesen (SDC), Søren Walbum Høst (SDC).

**Present in Copenhagen:** Lene Lange (AAU), Ib Poulsen (RUC), Martin Bendsøe (DTU), Jørgen Staunstrup (ITU), Kjeld Erik Brødsgaard (CBS).

**Present in Odense:** Henrik Pedersen (SDU)

**Absent with notice:** Nils O. Andersen (KU)

The subsequent meeting between the board and FIVU was cancelled. In the future, Jens Peter Jacobsen will replace Jacob Fuchs as FIVU representative at the meetings.

The Danish SDC-secretariat

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### **1. Approval of the Agenda**

At the request of Jørgen Staunstrup a status of the SDC-management situation was added to the agenda, whereupon the agenda was approved.

### **2. Approval of Minutes from SDC Board Meeting, June 3 2013**

Minutes from the board meeting June 3 2013 were approved.

### **3. Status of the Activities at SDC in Beijing**

#### **3.1. Status of the SDC management**

In the light of the current management situation at SDC, the board discussed a plan to broaden and strengthen the SDC-management.

The plan divides the daily management of SDC in to three functions, provisionally described as follows:

- A part-time Director based in Denmark. An experienced leader with negotiation skills and broad network in the university world and in industry.

- A person responsible for the daily management of the SDC
- A person stationed at the SDC office in Beijing to handle daily affairs related to the running of the Master's programmes. This person should preferably have a good understanding of China but also be familiar with Danish educational practice. This person will refer directly to the daily management.

The chairman will present a formal proposal to be considered at the next meeting of the SDC-board on December 17, 2013.

### 3.2. Orientation on the status of activities at SDC in Beijing

Morten Laugesen briefed the board on the status of the activities at SDC in Beijing:

- **Study start**  
The activities surrounding study start were carried out satisfactorily. Challenges were fewer than last year and more staff was present to tackle any issues that arose.
- **Danish Minister for Science, Innovation and Higher Education visited SDC in Beijing**  
Morten Østergaard visited SDC in mid-September together with permanent secretary Uffe Toudal Pedersen, Chairman of the Danish Rectors' Conference Jens Oddershede and Jacob Fuchs among others. The Minister had meetings with CAS President Bai Chunli and Executive Vice President of UCAS Deng Yong. The Minister also gave a speech to SDC faculty and students and met with Danish students.
- **Cancellation of the JMC meeting**  
The JMC meeting scheduled for October 24, 2013 has been cancelled due to the visit of the Russian Prime Minister to China. A new date has not been settled yet.
- **Visit of Lauritz B. Holm-Nielsen at SDC**  
Former SDC board chairman, Lauritz B. Holm-Nielsen visited SDC in mid-September. During his visit, Lauritz B. Holm-Nielsen met with Danish SDC-students and subsequently UCAS Vice President Deng Yong.
- **STADS**  
The SDC-secretariat is looking into the possibility of including the SDC study activities into the AU STADS as a means of fulfilling SDC's obligations in terms of documenting study activities and more.
- **Study administrative staff at SDC in Beijing**  
SDC is hiring an additional staff with work place in Beijing to handle study administrative work in collaboration with Torben Dahl. The new staff will replace the previous rotation system for study administrative staff of the Danish universities.

## 4. The Compensation Structure

A revised compensation structure was presented to the board. The compensation structure was approved in principle, but the board asked for the budgetary consequences to be presented at the next board meeting before the board can give its final approval of the compensation structure.

## **5. SDC Seminar**

The purpose of the seminar for PCs, HEPs, SDC-board, SDC and FIVU is to discuss and find possible solutions to challenges within the SDC cooperation. SDC will produce a programme, meeting material etc., and will involve the board and other key stakeholders in the process. Subjects on the agenda will include

- PhD programme
- Education
- Research

Morten Laugesen will provide a programme draft for the board by the end of next week (week 41). The programme draft will also include a definition of criteria of success for the seminar.

## **6. Budget and Accounts**

Budget and accounts were approved by the board.

## **7. Any Other Business**

Next and final board meeting of 2013 is on December 17. The meeting is scheduled for 16.30 – 18.30. The meeting takes place at Danish Universities in Fiolstræde, Copenhagen.

*Minutes by Søren Walbum Høst*