

**Minutes from the meeting of the Danish SDC board 16 March 2017
14.00 – 15.30**

The meeting was conducted between Aarhus and Copenhagen via Facetime

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

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

Absent with notice: Thomas Bjørnholm (KU)

- 1. Approval of the agenda for the 28th meeting of the Danish board of SDC**
- 2. Approval of minutes from the 27th meeting of the Danish board of SDC on 13 December 2016**
- 3. Briefing from the Director**
- 4. SDC Annual Accounts 2016**
- 5. Term of office for members of the governing bodies of SDC**
- 6. Any other business**

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The board approved the agenda.

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3. Briefing from the Director

3.1 Quality Assurance of the SDC Master's programmes

SDC presented the first draft for a quality assurance policy for the SDC Master's programmes. The draft constitutes SDC's suggestion for a quality assurance policy that builds on elements in the partnership agreement. The quality assurance policy is drafted with the awareness that the partnership agreement, in reality, is not fully implemented, e.g. some institutional bodies are either not appointed or are inactive. The final draft will be negotiated with the Chinese partner and the system subsequently implemented.

The board discussed various elements of the presented draft before concluding that the SDC office should continue to refine the draft together with representatives from the universities.

3.2 Furnishing the SDC building

On behalf of the SDC, the Danish SDC office is responsible for purchasing furniture for the SDC Building. The SDC office has signed a contract with a Danish furniture manufacturer and production has started. Some uncertainties remain regarding the expenditure on customs and VAT. The SDC office is in contact with the Chinese custom authorities via the Danish embassy in Beijing.

A Shanghai-based Chinese ICT supplier inspected the SDC building recently to plan the installation of ICT equipment.

3.3 Opening Ceremony

The SDC office has begun planning the Opening Ceremony of the SDC building together with the Danish Industry Foundation, the Ministry of Higher Education and Science, the Danish embassy in Beijing, the Innovation Center in Shanghai and UCAS. The ceremony will span over three days (24-26 September) with the official opening on 25 September.

3.4 Visit by the SDC director to the Danish Universities

The Director informed the board of the meetings with the rectors of the Danish universities. Only two universities remain on the list and visits to these are already scheduled. The Director will present the conclusions from all the meetings at the next board meeting.

3.5 Physics at SDC

On Chinese initiative, the Danish side is looking into the possibility of establishing collaboration between Danish and Chinese research environments within the area of physics and astro physics. As the presented memo from KU shows, the Danish academic environments are showing interest.

The board discussed the initiative and stressed that all relevant Danish academic environments should have the chance to be involved. Both SDU and DTU have relevant environments and SDU is already collaborating with CAS in this area.

Chinese SDC Director Wu Yueliang plans to visit Denmark in the autumn 2017 to visit relevant institutions and discuss future collaboration.

The board encourages the academic environment to continue the exploration and involve all relevant groups. The board also urge all involved to integrate the educational aspect in the exploratory process.

4. SDC Annual Accounts 2016

The accounts show that SDC's activities are expanding in keeping with the strategy approved by the board. However, 2016 still shows a surplus of 7.4 mill. One of the reasons is that ICT equipment was not purchased in 2016 as planned.

The board approved the annual accounts of 2016.

5. Term of office for members of the governing bodies of SDC

SDC will provide an overview of all members of the various governing bodies for one of the autumn meetings in Danish Rectors' Conference.

6. Any other business

SDC Board meetings in 2017

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 in Copenhagen

Inauguration of the SDC building

September 24-26 2017 in Beijing