

Meeting on 13 December 2021, 13.00-16.00

Online

46th meeting of the Danish Board of SDC

Minutes

Present: Philip John Binning (Chair, DTU), Rasmus Antoft (AAU), Kristian Pedersen (AU), John Renner Hansen (IKU), Peter Kjær (RUC), Martin Jes Iversen (CBS), Morten Laugesen (SDC), Gert Jørgensen (SDC)

Apologies: Bjarne Graabech Sørensen (SDU), Georg Dam Steffensen (ITU)

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Report from the presidency's meeting with the Ministry of Higher Education and Science
3. SDC's educational portfolio
4. Enrolment 2022
5. Report on the Action Plan 2021
6. Approval of the Action Plan 2022
7. Economy - Approval of Forecast 3, 2021 and Budget 2022
8. Approval of Rules of Procedure, Annual Wheel and Meeting dates for 2023
9. Any other business

1. Approval of Agenda

The board approved the agenda for the 46th meeting of the Danish board of SDC.

2. Report from the presidency's meeting with the Ministry of Higher Education and Science

Philip Binning briefed the Danish SDC board about the recent meeting with the Ministry of Higher Education and Science regarding enrollment of students 2022, the overall role

and responsibilities of the Danish board of SDC and the possible adjustments of SDC's educational portfolio. The board took notice of the briefing.

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3. SDC's educational portfolio

Rasmus Antoft informed the board of the work conducted by the working group and briefly presented the report on SDC's activities. The board discussed the report and approved all the recommendations from the working group with a comment that the MSc program in International Food Quality and Health will be subject to the same terms as the MSc programs in Nanoscience and Life Science Engineering and Informatics.

The board decided to stop the current efforts to develop an MSc program in Sustainable Energy and asked the Director to contact the rectors about a possible restart.

The board discussed and agreed on the importance of commitment and ownership from the universities for the recruitment efforts to succeed and enroll more Danish students.

4. Enrolment 2022

Morten Laugesen presented the findings from the student surveys and gave an account of the discussions with the HEPs and PCs at the recently held seminar. The board decided to enroll students from the Danish side for the 2022 cohort.

5. Report on the Action Plan 2021

The board discussed the report on the Action Plan 2021. The board took notice of the report and acknowledged that the 2021 Action Plan had been affected by Covid-19.

6. Approval of the Action Plan 2022

Morten Laugesen presented the Action Plan 2022 which the board approved. The board stressed that the implementation of the SDC quality policy must have high priority and asked to be informed about its implementation at coming meetings.

As a consequence of the pandemic, the board decided to revise the Strategy 2020-2025 at the meeting in June 2022.

7. Economy - Approval of Forecast 3, 2021 and Budget 2022

The board approved forecast 3, 2021 and the budget for 2022. The Danish SDC office will produce a background memo explaining the different parts of the budget based on the discussion at the meeting. The board asked that expenses for recruitment activities and

strategic initiatives are specified with more details at future meetings. The board also asked that the question of SDC's savings is addressed at the next board meeting in April 2022.

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8. Approval of Rules of Procedure, Annual Wheel and Meeting dates for 2023

The board approved the Rules of Procedure, the annual wheel and meeting dates for 2023.

9. Any other business

Peter Kjær informed the board that he will retire from the SDC board after serving seven years as a member. Dean Julie Sommerlund will serve as RUC's representative with effect from the next meeting. On behalf of the board, Philip Binning thanked Peter Kjær for his commitment to the SDC.