

Minutes from the PhD committee meeting

Time: Tuesday, 25 August 2020 at 12.00-13.00

Place: Online via zoom

Present: Kurt Thomas Jensen, Anders Møller, Marianne Hammershøj, Sundas Rani, Yannik Elo Roell, Frederik Thorning Bjørn, Michelle Møhlenberg, Lis Wollesen de Jonge, Henrik Stapelfeldt, Ditlev Egeskov Brodersen (for Ernst-Martin Füchtbauer), Jes Madsen, Brian Vinter and Duncan Sutherland

Apologies for absence: Ernst-Martin Füchtbauer

The secretariat: Liselotte K. Heller, Damian Goldberg and Rikke J. Ljungmann

Agenda:

1. Presentation round
2. Approval of minutes from the PhD committee meeting – 23 June 2020
3. Approval of agenda
4. Announcements – Overview of assessment committees, exemptions, etc. for the period 16 June 2020 to 17 August 2020
5. Follow-up on corona-related issues
6. Transferable skills courses
7. Election for the PhD committees
8. Misc.

Minutes:

Re 1. Presentation round

There was a brief round of introduction.

Re 2. Approval of minutes from the PhD committee meeting – 23 June 2020

Approved

Re 3. Approval of agenda

Approved

Re 4. Announcements – Overview of assessment committees, exemptions, etc. for the period 16 June 2020 to 17 August 2020

Approved

Re 5. Follow-up on corona-related issues

In terms of extensions, the most urgent cases, meaning PhD students who have their thesis submission deadline now, have been processed. In late October/early November, the secretariat will follow up and notify PhD students and supervisors if further action needs to be taken.

With regard to Research environment change: It was agreed to be very flexible as it may not be possible to go abroad.

With regard to teaching load in relation to Research environment change: If there are any matters pertaining to this, the PhD student should discuss it with his or her department.

Re 6. Transferable skills courses

The proposal for the GSNS and GSTS transferable skills course portfolio for 2021 was approved.

It was debated whether some of the courses could possibly be converted to online courses.

Action: The secretariat will discuss this with the course lecturers.

A new course for the course portfolio was suggested, namely data-analysis with Python, as alternative to the existing course using R.

Action: Anders Møller will talk to course lecturer at CS about the possibility of teaching a Python course at PhD level.

Re 7. Election for the PhD committees

Since the last meeting, the PhD committee had debated the composition of the areas of representation for NAT and TECH, respectively.

For NAT, there will be three members of staff and three PhD students from the following areas:

- Nanoscience, Department of Chemistry, Department of Physics and Astronomy
- Department of Biology, Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics
- Department of Computer Science, Department of Geoscience, Department of Mathematics

For TECH, there will be four members of staff and four PhD students from the following areas:

- Department of Engineering
- Department of Environmental Science, Department of Bioscience
- Department of Agroecology, Center for Quantitative Genetics and Genomics
- Department of Food Science, Department of Animal Science

It was debated how to get more PhD students to run for election for the PhD committee. The secretariat informs about procedures and deadlines through news e-mails and e-mails to heads of programme and current members of the PhD committee. At the meeting, both were also encouraged to make inquiries among PhD students at their departments.

Re 8. Misc.

None

The meeting ended at 12.50

Action	Who	When
Discuss the possibility of converting some of the courses to online courses with the course lecturers	The secretariat	
Talk to course lecturer at CS about the possibility of teaching a Python course at PhD level	Anders Møller	