

## **Graduate School of Natural Sciences (GSNS)**

### **PhD committee meeting**

**Time: Tuesday, 2 November 2021 at 9.30-11.00**

**Place: Ny Munkegade 120, bldg. 1520, room 732**

### **Minutes**

#### **1: Meeting information:**

Participants:

Ernst-Martin Füchtbauer, Anders Møller, Ragnhild Ørbæk Laursen, Mads Blichfeldt Amdisen and David Lundbek Egholm

Apologies for absence:

Irfansha Shaik, Henrik Stapelfeldt and Louise Marie Dalskov Kjerulff

The secretariat:

Frederikke Kongsted Hansen (during item 10), Maria Fauerby Iversen and Rikke J. Ljungmann

#### **2: Approval of minutes from the PhD committee meeting on 16 June 2021**

Approved

#### **3: Approval of agenda**

Approved with one adjustment. The item on Introduction day was debated after the item on News from the PhD students.

#### **4: Announcements – Overview of assessment committees, exemptions, credit transfer in connection with enrolment, etc. for the period 8 June 2021 to 24 October 2021**

The overview sheets usually presented during this item concern assessment committees, qualifying exams and exemptions. This time an overview sheet concerning credit transfer in

connection with enrolment was added, and in the future, an overview sheet concerning credit transfer granted during the PhD study will be added and discussed as well.

Procedure for approval of credit transfer was discussed and approved.

It was also decided to add data on resubmission and on corona-related extensions. The administration will look further into this.

## **5: News from the PhD students**

It was mentioned that some PhD students had been running for election, but that it was difficult to get people interested in running. A joint NAT PhD Day might help change this, both with regard to involvement and commitment, but also with regard to getting to know PhD students from other programmes.

Other issues of relevance were debated in connection with the item on the panel's review report and KIP21.

## **10: Introduction day**

The concept of the present Introduction day was discussed, for instance it was mentioned that a lot of information is provided during the day, and that it can be difficult to remember everything. It was also mentioned that it would be nice if it was possible to be granted ECTS for participation. Furthermore, the possibility of creating an actual onboarding programme was mentioned.

Decision: A working group was established to discuss and prepare a draft, which is to be discussed at the January meeting. Participants: Ernst-Martin Füchtbauer, Louise Marie Dalskov Kjerulff, Ragnhild Ørbæk Laursen, Mads Blichfeldt Amdisen, David Lundbek Egholm, Maria Fauerby Iversen, Frederikke Kongsted Hansen and Rikke J. Ljungmann.

## **6: Follow-up on site visit and report from the international panel**

David Lundbek Egholm gave a brief introduction to the report from the international panel and mentioned that together with the Quality in the PhD process (KIP) report it would form a solid base for developing follow-up action plans.

He also mentioned that in general the report was very favourable to the quality of the Graduate School, but it did point towards some areas in which the Graduate School could benefit from looking into:

- Student representation and involvement in the GSNS committees
- Roles of the GSNS committees
- Student well-being
- PhD courses

## - Teaching

With regard to the committees, the Dean and the Head of school had prepared a suggestion for appointment of members for the GSNS admissions committee. The suggestion was approved.

The need and hope for the establishment of a PhD association was also debated.

Finally, David Lundbek Egholm outlined the process for drafting and discussing the action plans. The debate was started in the PhD committee at the present meeting and would be followed by discussions in the Heads of programme committee. The Head of school and the administration will then prepare a first action plan draft to be discussed at another PhD committee meeting late November/early December followed by a subsequent hearing process.

The GSNS PhD students and supervisors will be kept updated about the process and results through the GSNS newsletters.

## **7: Follow up on any corona-related issues**

Postponed

## **8: Follow-up on Head of school dialogue meeting with AUPA and PhD committee members**

The subject was discussed briefly in connection with the items on the international evaluation and on the Introduction day and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

## **9: GSNS news e-mails**

Postponed

## **11: Transferable skills course on well-being**

The subject was discussed briefly in connection with the items on the international evaluation and on the Introduction day and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

## **12. Any other business**

None