

**Minutes from the 23rd meeting in the Academic Council, Faculty of Engineering, 18 September 2013 between 12.30 and 14.00**

**Present:** Bo Nørregaard Jørgensen, MMMI (Chairman), Per Michael Johansen, PMJ (Dean, TEK-administration), Søren Lind Christiansen, SLC (Head of Secretariat, TEK-administration), Søren Top (MCI), Henning Andersen (Director of Studies, TEK-administration), Anders Brandt (ITI), Charlotte Nelann Rabjerg (ITI), Dorthe Anicka Wagenaar(MMMI), Jacob Bom Stahlfest Madsen (student), Line Amtoft Poulsen (student)

**Apologies:** Henrik Gordon Petersen (MMMI), John Erik Hansen (MMMI), Alexandra Vahala Hvass (TEK-administration)

**Absent without apologies:** Daniel Grønning (student)

**Minutes taker:** Trine Demkjær (TEK-administration)

**Agenda**

1. Hearing in Academic Council: Shared [SDU Strategy](#)
2. Planning of meetings in the Academic Council
3. Information from the Dean
  - a. Status on TEK's PURE action plan and activities until November
  - b. Proposed national budget 2014
  - c. Budget for University of Southern Denmark 2014
  - d. Model for duration of study
  - e. Institutional accreditation at the University of Southern Denmark
  - f. Status on MADE – Spir application
4. AOB

1. Hearing in Academic Council: Shared <a href="#">SDU Strategy</a>	The shared SDU Strategy was discussed. Observations and comments will be noted in a hearing statement from the Academic Council (see enclosure).
2. Planning of meetings in the Academic Council	The Academic Council decided to keep the annual series of meetings. The series of meetings will be extended to 6 dates of which 4 meetings will be held. I.e. each semester a date will be held in reserve in order to avoid having to re-book meetings. Meetings will be scheduled either late morning or in the afternoon and on different weekdays.
3. Information from the Dean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status on TEK's PU:RE action plan and activities until November The item was extended to a general briefing on TEK's action plan for the 2017 strategy. <a href="http://www.sdunet.dk/Administration/Strategi/PologStratTEK.aspx">http://www.sdunet.dk/Administration/Strategi/PologStratTEK.aspx</a> The PU:RE action plan is also available on SDUnet.</li> <li>• Proposed national budget 2014           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The present taximeter raise on Humanities and Social Sciences will</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

continue until 2016 (extension of the three-year appropriation).

- The present level of university research appropriation is extended till 2016, i.e. an extension of the three-year guarantee.
- A number of professional bachelor's degrees will, in the future, belong under the Danish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Higher Education.
- The proposed national budget for 2014 will, as a consequence of a series of minor cost savings and budget transfers, result in a reduction of SDU's funds by about 4 million Danish kroner. In 2015 we expect an increase of approx. 1 million Danish kroner. However, at the same time the growth in SDU teaching activities will ensure increased Student FTE earnings, and therefore we expect an increase in the total national budget appropriation in the years to come.
- Overall the proposed national budget is good for the university sector.

- **Budget for University of Southern Denmark 2014**  
In 2014 SDU estimates an annual result of -27 million Danish kroner. In 2015 the expected result is 130 million (based on the sale of the TEK building).

In 2014 TEK estimates an annual result of -4 million, and in 2015 we expect to balance expenses and income. In 2016 we expect a profit of 2.5 million.

The Academic Council discussed the possibility of company sponsors in connection with the purchasing of new equipment. There are no legal obstacles to this and a task force will make a preliminary study into the needs and quality level of equipment in the new TEK buildings. Following which it will be possible to approach specific companies.

- **Model for duration of study**  
The universities must help carry the new SU reform financially. This will be done through a reduction of the duration of study. By 2020 students must have reduced their study completion time with 4.3 months, on a national level. For the universities this means that a substantial part of the Student FTE funds will be allocated to completion bonuses to be paid if the students complete their studies within the standard time limit.

University of Copenhagen will be hit the hardest with a requirement for a reduction of the average duration of study by more than 7 months. SDU must reduce the average duration of study with 3.1 months by 2020.

- **Institution accreditation at the University of Southern Denmark**  
HA informed that SDU has been elected for evaluation of institution accreditation in 2014. In connection with that, SDU's quality politics (8 sub-policies) have been revised. They will be sent in hearing late September. For the institution accreditation the university must make a self-evaluation report following which a number of areas/programmes will be subject to audit trails.

	<p>When SDU is awarded institution accreditation, new programmes will only need a prequalification and thereafter the university's own quality system will be the guarantor of the new programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status on MADE – Spir application The application with SDU is the only application in this Spir session.</li> <li>• New item: Information about new building (no. 44). The building will be 3 stories high with classrooms and project rooms/project stations as well as small lecture rooms. The building is expected to be complete in autumn 2015. When TEK moves to the new buildings the number of project work stations will increase from the present 1100 to 1500.</li> </ul>
4. AOB	Nothing to report

Next meeting in the Academic Council is 4 December 2013.