

Minutes from the 25th meeting in the Academic Council, Faculty of Engineering, 6 March 2014 between 13.00 and 15.00

Present: Bo Nørregaard Jørgensen, ITI (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 Amtorp Poulsen (student), Jesper Birch Carlsen (student)

Apologies: John Erik Hansen (MMMI), Alexandra Vahala Hvass (TEK- administration)

Minutes taker: Trine Demkjær (TEK-administration)

Agenda

1. Information from the Chairman
 - a. Welcome to new member of the Academic Council: Jesper Birch Carlsen
 - b. Employment process in connection with new dean at the Faculty of Engineering
 - c. Any news from the University Council
2. Information from the Dean
 - a. From the Executive Board meeting:
 - i. Status on institution accreditation
 - ii. MOOC (Massive open online course)
 - iii. SDU's revised language policy
 - b. Thanks for now
3. Information concerning accounting 2013 and budget 2014 / by Søren Lind Christiansen
4. TEK's implementation of SDU's Strategy, incl. the challenges for TEK in connection with the strategy goals / by the Dean
5. Discussion of TEK's target figures for grant funded and privately funded research, incl. the desired level of external funding and following consequences / by the Dean (item from last meeting of the Academic Council)
6. AOB

1. Information from the Chairman	<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Welcome to new member of the Academic Council: Jesper Birch Carlsenb. Employment process in connection with new dean at the Faculty of Engineering Application deadline is 24 March. First meeting of the advisory employment committee is scheduled for 9 Aprilc. Any news from the University Council<ol style="list-style-type: none">I. Discussion of SDU's Strategy and the implementation process (top-down or bottom-up). The University Council discussed the need to specify the different items of the strategy. E.g. the meaning of SDU as an international university.
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<p>2. Information from the Dean</p>	<p>a. From the Executive Board meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Status on institution accreditation: End January 2014, SDU submitted its self-evaluation report, which outlines the quality system and quality policy of the university. The first visit from the accreditation panel is 1-2 April, where they will meet with a number of employee groups and stakeholders. II. MOOC (Massive open online course) The university will initiate a number of tests with MOOC in order to gain experience with new digital forms of learning. Anders Brandt has been awarded funding from the e-learning funds for lessons with flipped classroom. The experience of using the time in the class room for exercises and problem solving while the theoretical part is recorded and available online is positive. At the next meeting of the Academic Council, Henning Andersen will go through the MOOC activities, which has been initiated at TEK and SDU. III. SDU's revised language policy Two elements are at the centre of SDU's language policy. 1) In the future employees who conduct their teaching in English must be certified. Evaluated according to the international classification C1. The first certification teams have already started. 2) Danish lessons for international employees. They must not be certified but after a while they must be able to receive and understand emails/documents in Danish. After two years of employment, international employees are expected to have achieved sufficient Danish language skills to be able to participate in everyday activities of the university. <p>b. Thanks for now</p>
<p>3. Information concerning accounting 2013 and budget 2014 / by Søren Lind Christiansen</p>	<p>SLC went through the accounting result for 2013, where TEK achieved a surplus of 6.7 million Danish kroner. Following, TEK's own reserves amounts to approx. 39 million Danish kroner.</p> <p>For 2014, TEK has budgeted a deficit of 12 million. However, the actual number is expected to be smaller.</p> <p>The new budget pamphlet was handed out. The pamphlet should be regarded as an expression of SDU's increased visibility and transparency in economy management.</p> <p>Enclosed with the minutes is a link to the budget pamphlet.</p>
<p>4. TEK's implementation of SDU's Strategy, incl. the challenges for TEK in connection with the</p>	<p>The Executive Board prefers that the SDU Strategy is implemented through a bottom-up process and as a result they have requested copies of all existing department and faculty strategies to determine who can contribute with what in order for the university to meet the strategic goals.</p>

objectives / by the Dean	<p>It is not the intention of the Executive Board to provide centralised action plans or vision seminars. Rather they prefer an implementation through faculty and department strategies.</p> <p>The TEK 2017 strategy is in accordance with SDU's Strategy and TEK 2017 does not have to be amended in order to meet the SDU strategy. The target figures are to a great extent the same.</p>
5. Discussion of TEK's target figures for grant funded and privately funded research.	<p>Discussion of the historical allocation of basic funds as well as of the imbalance between the old universities (Aarhus and Copenhagen) and the new regional universities (Aalborg, SDU, and others)</p> <p>Each year two per cent of the basic funds are reallocated according to the performance model, where the funds are allocated according to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational appropriation earned by the universities - weighted 45 per cent • Externally financed research of the universities - weighted 20 per cent • University research measured through publishing (the bibliometric research indicator) – weighted 25 per cent • Number of graduated PhDs - weighted 10 per cent. <p>If all basic funds were allocated through the performance model approx. half a billion were to be reallocated from the old universities to the new regional universities.</p> <p>At SDU basic funds for research are not allocated equally between the faculties either – likewise a historical allocation in favour of the 'old' faculties.</p> <p>Review of TEK's research appropriation allocated according to basic and external funds and according to departments.</p> <p>Discussion of the above, incl. of the maximum for external funds when co-financed with basic funds.</p>
6. AOB	Nothing to report

Next meeting in the Academic Council is 3 June 2014.