

## MINUTES FROM DEPARTMENTAL MEETING 11 APRIL 2014

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The following employees were absent with prior notice:

Jørgen Bang-Jensen, Jakob Lykke Andersen, Hans Christian Petersen, Wojciech Szymanski, Peter Kornerup, Rolf Fagerberg, Christian Reidys, Michael Osmann, Jan Baumbach, Kristian Debrabant, Marco Chiarandini, Yuri Goegebeur, Mette Bjerg Mortensen, Nadia Kristensen, Richa Batra, Fenix Wenda Huang, Fernando Colchero, Luís Cruz-Filipe, Benjamin Mingming Fu, Claudio Pica, Hillary Siwei Han and Lene Monrad Favrholt and Achim Schroll.

The following employees were absent without prior notice:

Xiaofeng Chen, Martin Rasmus Lundquist Hansen, Felix Palludan Hargreaves, Ahmed Khan Leghari, Thomas Jiaxian Li and Peter Schneider-Kamp.

### **Ad 1) Short messages by the head of department**

- a) Faith Ellen was presented as a new member of staff.
- b) Two PhD students for Michele Della Morte (MDM) Fabio Vandin (FV) are on their way to IMADA. This will bring the department up to 9½ PhD students in this STÅ year, with the original goal being 2½ PhD students. Two more PhD students are also on their way, but have been put on hold while the possibility of transferring funds from one of the other departments is being considered.
- c) The accreditation panel has visited SDU. Martin Svensson (MS) met with them in The Educational Council. Representatives of both students and study boards also met with the panel. . The discussions were very positive. In week 16 it will be decided what themes will be chosen for the audit trails.
- d) SOS invites to a Marie Curie Master Class. Names of interested candidates should be given to MS. Deadline was the day of the departmental meeting.
- e) The budget has arrived. If you want a copy you can ask MS.
- f) Due to the fire regulations, it is not allowed to park bicycles in the corridor of the basement, only in the bicycle room.
- g) The Danish Working Environment Authority will pay a visit to the university again. We do not know which departments they will choose to visit, only that they will probably come before the summer holiday. Should they choose our department and should you meet them in the corridors, please direct them to either MS or to Lone Seidler Petterson (LSP).
- h) Information about the 100.000 DKK Oticon grants for students will be posted by IMADA's Fagråd. The grants are for students who still have one year left of their master degree.

### **Ad 2) Mutual information**

- a) The intake for the mathematics-economics degree was discussed. According to Bjarne Toft (BT) it is not the intake that causes problems but the large dropout rate. It is difficult to change, since the same degree at The University of Copenhagen (KU) has restricted admission and at SDU all students who apply can be enrolled. Students who get a rejection from KU often apply here instead, which gives SDU a group of students with lower grades, who live in Copenhagen and who will switch to Copenhagen if they get the chance. It is not an easy task to keep them at SDU.
- b) Kim Skak Larsen (KSL) is the new chairman for external examiners in computer science in Denmark. The new list with external examiners can be seen on KSL's website. MS asked that the mathematicians should be aware of the new list in mathematics as well.
- c) Joan Boyar informed that the master level courses which IMADA recently applied to have preapproved as PhD courses have all been approved.

### **Ad 3) Strategy Statement**

Debate about the strategy statement followed.

### **Ad 4) Any other business**

No comments to this item.

The meeting ended at kl. 11.30

Martin Svensson, Head of Department  
Lone Seidler Petterson, Department Secretary