MINUTES FROM DEPARTMENTAL MEETING
12 DECEMBER 2014

Absent with prior notice:
Michele Della Morte, Eudes Barbosa, Jan Baumbach, Vincent Drach, Thomas Jiaxian Li, Wagner Hugo Bonat, Lene Monrad Favrholdt, Luís Cruz-Filipe, Tilde My Larsen, Morten Rask Petersen, Linda Ahrenkiel, Lena Jønch-Clausen, Christian Reidys, Fenix Wenda Huang, Wojciech Szymanski, Kaiji Chen, Anders Nicolai Knudsen, Yongluan Zhou, Fernando Colchero, Charlotte Sun Clausen-Jørgensen and Kasper Grud Skat Madsen.

Absent without prior notice:
Andrea Bussone, Morteza Hajkarim, Hillary Siwei Han, Reza Rezazadegan and Christian Wiwie.

Ad 1) Short messages by the head of department

a) Christian Valdemar Hansen started December 1 as a PhD student under supervision of Achim Schroll (AS).
Peter Schneider-Kamp will be starting his professor MSO position January 1.
Uffe Haagerup will return from his sabbatical January 1.
Job announcement for new Villum postdocs has been opened.
Manfred Euler is new honorary professor with LSUL.
Christian Reidys has resigned from his position. He will leave IMADA at the end of January.
The Dean position at our faculty is open. Deadline is January 5.
b) The students have chosen Camilla Svenningsen, Janne Arnhoff and Phong Ahn Tran as representatives for the Departmental Council.
c) The budget for 2015 is not ready yet. The faculty must save 3.5 mio DKK in 2015. The Dean and the Heads of the 4 departments have been discussing how to handle this. IMADA has to save about 600,000.00 DKK. The board has decided that the result in the budget for 2015 must not be exceeded.
d) A MatLab campus license is discussed.
e) Rolf Fagerberg (RF) is the new research leader for computer science.
f) Daniel Merkle (DM) is new member of the teaching committee for computer science (instead of Jørgen Bang-Jensen).
g) The management group has been discussing the Friday bread club. The members should consider, if they would take turns buying bread and pay themselves instead of somebody collecting money every month.
h) Dates for the Departmental Fora will be advertised in the coming newsletter.

Ad 2)   Mutual Information

No comments to this item.

Ad 3)   Information about the Smart City project (Peter Schneider-Kamp)

Peter Schneider-Kamp (PSK) presented the Smart City project and the Big Data aspect, which is where IMADA is expected to be able to contribute. Within the project, the university will collaborate with the city of Odense and different local companies. Odense Kommune is expected to contribute 2 mio for the project. The main interest is local growth and companies.

Ad 4)   Information about a possible new degree with HUM in Kolding (Peter Schneider-Kamp)

The Art Science Faculty has been working with a new degree with the title Big Data and Privacy Enhancing Technology Design. PSK explained the motivation for the degree and showed its composition. The next step for the degree is to see if it can be prequalified.

Ad 5)   Discussion about the revised guidelines for the PhD degree (Joan Boyar)

Joan Boyar has sent the new guidelines around to PhD advisors, possible PhD advisors, PhD students and administrators. In this e-mail Joan has commented on the biggest changes. The final approval of the new guidelines will take place in March 2015.
There is a new required course giving 5 ECTS. The course consists of 3 parts: an introductory part, an ethics part (run by the library) and a project management part. The relevance for IMADA PhD students was discussed.
Also it is proposed that the students will get a grade for the qualifying exam. Not all IMADA PhD supervisors thought this would be a good idea.
The consensus was that, for many of IMADA's PhD students, the project management part was unlikely to be relevant.
IMADA would prefer that PhD students had a choice between the project management part and a new course on career possibilities specifically aimed at IMADA students.

Ad 6)   Any other business

No comments to this item.

The meeting ended at 11.40

<center>Martin Svensson, Head of Department
Lone Seidler Petterson, Department Secretary</center>