

## MINUTES FROM DEPARTMENTAL MEETING 13 SEPTEMBER 2013

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The following employees were absent with prior notice:

Thomas Rohde Albrechtsen, Christian Reidys, Yuri Goegebeur, Magnus Gausdal Find, Peter Kornerup, Ahmed Khan Leghari, Kaiji Chen, Kim Skak Larsen, Thomas Jiaxian Li, Mette Bjerg Mortensen, Simon Greve, Morten Rask Petersen and Kasper Grud Skat Madsen.

The following employees were absent without prior notice:

Jan Baumbach, Benjamin Mingming Fu, Per Jannsen, Muhammad Jamal, Ning Jin, Abdul Waheed Mahesar, Morten Rask Petersen, Birgitte Stougaard and Li Su

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

- a) Richa Batra (RB) was presented as new postdoc in Jan Baumbach's (JB) group.  
David Kyed (DK) was presented as new assistant professor in mathematics.  
Ricky Xioafeng Chen (RXC) was presented as new PhD student in Christian Reidy's (CR) group.  
Jing Qin will start her position as assistant professor of mathematics 1 October.  
Michele Della Morte will start his position as associate professor with CP3 1 October.  
At the moment a position as assistant professor in Computer Science is open with deadline for applications 1 December.
- b) PhD positions are counted as of 1 October every year. Both Nadia Rahbek Dyrberg Kristensen (NRDK) and Felix Palludan Hargreaves (FPH) were enrolled 15 September and IMADA has reached the goal of enrolling 7 PhD students before 1 October.
- c) The Annual Party takes place 4 October. Honorary Doctor Mike Waterman was nominated by IMADA.
- d) Martin Svensson (MS) and the *VIP's* in the PhD committee have been participating in a MUS course. All PhD students will have their MUS (staff development interview) this autumn. Many other employees still need to book an interview with MS, and they can contact Lone Seidler Petterson (LSP) for this.
- e) According to IT Service printer D2 cannot be repaired. Per Jannsen (PJ) will buy a new printer. Until this has been done, it is possible to print in colour by using the copy machine.

### Ad 2) Mutual information

- a) Achim Schroll (AS), Rolf Fagerberg (RF) and MS are members in a committee at faculty level working with outreach activities. The committee is lead by Birgitte Svennevig. RF explained that published articles should be sent as pdf attachment to [papers@sdu.dk](mailto:papers@sdu.dk).
- b) Claudio Pica (CP) informed about the possibilities of co-financing for PhD scholarships from the E-Science Center. During the next 3 years there will be handed out 9/3 PhD scholarships from the center. Each such scholarship should be combined with at least 1/3 external funding and no more than 1/3 funding from the department. Every supervisor can apply.
- c) Rojin Kianian told everyone that if you want to be seated together with those who already bought tickets for The Annual Party, the table numbers are 117 – 123.

### **Ad 3) Gennemgang af kommende undervisningstiltag samt universitetets og fakultetets Strategi- og Ledelsesgrundlag.**

MS informed about the new structure of programmes on master level. The biggest change is the *fagperspektiverende* module, which amounts for 30 ECTS. This module is placed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester on the master level. The students can use the module for a stay at a university abroad, an internship or possibly course work. The new programme has to be available for students in the autumn 2014, and the deadline for the department is 1 November.

The position of the minor has still not been decided. MS hopes the decision for The Faculty of Science will be taken at a meeting 25 September.

A new SU (State Education Grant) reform will be implemented in the autumn 2014. The students then have to register for 30 ECTS every semester. They will have to go to exams in order to maintain the right to get SU, and there are very strict rules for students who do not pass their exams. There has been established a committee at faculty level to work with the problems this reform may give. MS is a member of this committee.

#### Studietidsmodel:

The average student has to finish his/her studies 3,1 month faster than now. The universities who can get their students to finish their education faster will get money from the universities whose students have to use more time.

The teaching committee has a new structure. Mathematics is represented by Jessica Carter (JC) and Wojciech Szymanski (WS). Applied Mathematics is represented by Hans Christian Petersen (HCP – also chairman) and Achim Schroll (AS). Computer Science is represented by Jørgen Bang-Jensen (JBJ – also member of the study board) and Peter Schneider-Kamp (PSK). Mathematics-Economy is represented by Yuri Goegebeur (YG) and Kristian Debrabant (KD).

#### Strategy statement of The University of Southern Denmark:

Staff and students have received the latest draft of the University Strategy Statement, and comments to this can be sent either to [strategy@sdu.dk](mailto:strategy@sdu.dk) or to MS. Members of the faculty councils have also received the faculty's Strategy Statement, an extension of the one from the university. A seminar will take place 18 December where employees from different councils will discuss the strategy statement again.

There are 5 themes:

- Education
- Internationalisation
- Research
- Outreach
- A good place to work

**Ad 4) Any other business**

- JC asked if there are any lectures in mathematics or statistics the students from *brobygning* (students from high schools in the area coming to visit the university) can attend. Please contact JC.

The meeting ended at kl. 11.30

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