

MINUTES FROM DEPARTMENTAL MEETING 17 JANUARY 2014

The following employees were absent with prior notice:

Jørgen Bang-Jensen, Claudio Pica, Peter Kornerup, Jan Baumbach, Benjamin Mingming Fu, Christian Wiwie, Kasper Grud Skat Madsen, Ahmed Khan Leghari, Vincent Drach, Lasse René Pedersen, Daniel Merkle, Charlotte Sun Clausen-Jørgensen, Marco Chiarandini, Bent Jørgensen, Kristian Debrabant and Yuri Goegebeur.

The following employees were absent without prior notice:

Eudes Barbosa, Richa Batra, Ari Hietanan, Li Su and Wojciech Szymanski.

Ad 1) Short messages by the head of department

- a) Martin Svensson (MS) welcomed Fabio Vandin, Luís Cruz-Filipe, Jesper With Mikkelsen and Uffe Thorsen.
- b) According to the budget draft IMADA is expected to enrol 3 PhD students this "STÅ"-year. But so far it seems that the department will enrol 8 PhD students. MS said that he expects grants to be transferred to IMADA from other departments that are unable to meet their target.
- c) Yongluan Zhou (YZ) is chairman for the hiring committee for the new assistant professor in Computer Science. Deadline for the evaluations has been extended to February 3rd.
- d) Deadline for new course descriptions and study reform was Monday January 13th. The study board will make the finale approval by the end of February.
- e) MS showed a schedule with *STÅ opgørelsen* for the departments at our faculty. We get one more *STÅ* than last year. MS explained the system.
- f) Staff that wish to buy computer equipment must in general choose from a standard list. Anyone that wants to buy from outside the standard list must provide acceptable arguments for this.
- g) The shift to Lync telephones has been unproblematic. However, calls abroad will incur costs to the departments. MS urged staff to be careful when making foreign calls. MS will consider blocking some phones for foreign calls if this is not followed.
- h) It is required to have a CV, teaching portfolio and a picture on the SDU webpage. Instruction can be found in the newsletter. It is expected to be done by the beginning of February.

Ad 2) Discussion regarding the structure of the department fora

There are no formal requirements on how to organize the departmental fora. In order to collect some ideas on how these could be organised in the future, MS handed out questionnaires asking for good ideas.

Here are some of the comments that came up in the ensuing discussion:

- Importance is not equal to quality.
- Discussion may be too long because of the large group of participants.
- Important that everybody sees each other.
- More activity and discussion.

- Newsletter in advance would be preferable.
- If you want to add things to the agenda, you can send an email to MS or Lone Seidler Petterson (LSP).

Ad 3) Georg Mohr *vinderseminar* by Bjarne Toft

All high schools take part in a competition called the Georg Mohr Vinderseminar, and the 30 best mathematics students are now coming to SDU to finish this competition. They will do some tests and a lecture will be arranged for them Tuesday April 2nd, after which a reception will be held. Bjarne Toft asked that as many as possible from the department will show up for this reception and give the students a good impression. There will be copies of the program in the coffee room.

Ad 4) Any other business

- a) Kim Skak Larsen asked if “forudsætningsprøver” is an official exam and if they can be archived in the Blackboard system. MS promised to look into it.

The meeting ended at kl. 11.10

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