

Ordinært ph.d.-udvalgsmøde, Arts den 12. december 2024**kl. 8.30-10.30**

Fysisk møde: ACA/Arts PhD, Tåsingegade 3, bygning 1443, lokale 440, 8000 Aarhus C.

Deltagere/ph.d.-udvalget:

VIP: Anders-Christian Jacobsen (forperson), Charlotte Appel (online), Kirsten Elisa Petersen (online), Katja Brøgger (online), Magdalena Regina Tyzlik-Carver (online) og Camilla Skovbjerg Paldam.

Ph.d.-repræsentanter: Catrine Sundorf Kristensen (næstforperson), Rithma Kreie Engelbreth Larsen, Malis Ravn, Niclas Nørby Hundahl (online).

Observatører: Konstitueret ph.d.-skoleleder Jakob Bek-Thomsen, Anders Gade Jensen/ph.d.-adm. (referent), Anna Louise Plaskett/teamleder/ph.d.-adm.

Afbud: Jonathan Mastai Husum.

1. Godkendelse af dagsorden

Der byttes rundt på rækkefølge af sidste punkter. Dele af mødet afvikles på engelsk.

2. Orientering fra Graduate School, Arts

Anna Louise Plaskett (ALP) gave a talk on the current status at the school based on figures from the appendices. There has been a significant increase in cases of long term illness. We are currently unaware of the reasons. Discussions and questions about technical matters regarding illness extensions, travel funding, and PhD course planning. Discussion about the use of resources related to planning of courses that are cancelled due to few applicants. It was discussed if students could get both ECTS and working hours for PhD course planning and participation (This has been the case at least the HAC-programme).



3. Kandidatreformens indflydelse på ph.d.-uddannelsen

All major decisions have been postponed in the current report.

Suggestion of making the 75 ECTS candidates eligible for PhD enrolment might pose a quality issue.

The economy of the reform is also a major hurdle; especially if a 45ECTS upqualification course would be directly funded by the universities.

This committee should not discuss the economy but quality. The committee finds self-evident that a lowering of the ECTS enrolment requirements would pose a major threat to the academic level of the degree. It would devalue the Danish PhD compared to degrees offered abroad.

The committee supports the comments from the Danish rectors and intends to write a short statement for the internal AU review. Anders-Christian Jakobsen will do a draft. Katja Brøgger will read and comment.

4. Kommunikation og inddragelse af studerende ved nedsættelse af bedømmelsesudvalg

Jakob Bek-Thomsen (JBT) suggests a local rule explicitly stating that students are not allowed to participate in the composition of the committee.

It is important to ensure that the students have the courage to be in open academic dialogue with international academics who might later be part of assessment.

In some environments it is normal that students are closely involved in the committee composition. Some supervisors are uncertain how to act in these situations.

It should be acutely clear that PhD students should not be inviting committee members. Some points were made regarding extending the arm length principle from the PhD programmes to the supervisor as well as the student. This issue is discussed regularly amongst the chairs of the PhD programmes. Some programme directors make a point of asking for several committee member suggestions beyond the three in the initial conversation before invitations have been sent.

Having frank conversations between the programme chair, supervisor and students about the contents and academic framework for the dissertation assessment is important to ensure as well. Major disagreements between students and supervisors regarding academic philosophical domains might occur. This is not considered a regular occurrence.

The committee agrees with JBT about the overall goal of making explicit that there should not be contact between student and prospective members of the assessment committee regarding assessment committee composition.

JBT will discuss the issue with the programme directors.

Gender balance in the proposed committee was discussed. When will the committee give dispensation regarding a single-gendered committee?

Committee members found that the system works well as is (less than 5% of cases). If the number of cases would rise, it might be more of an issue. Other committee members feel that as soon as there is an option to argue on scientific grounds, control might slip from the committee opening for a slippery slope.

The committee finds that it is important to take well argued academic dispensation requests into regard while keeping an eye on the overall scope of dispensations.

5. *Underviseres evaluering af kurser*

Charlotte Appel motivated the item based on the circulated draft of a form to be sent to course organisers/teachers.

The committee finds it a very helpful tool. The committee notes that it should not stand alone or take focus away from the student evaluations. The form has been accepted for use by the PhD Committee, and the administration will implement the new procedure.

6. *Valg af ph.d.-studerende til ph.d.-udvalget*

Følgende ph.d.-studerende er blevet valgt som kommende repræsentanter til ph.d.-udvalget pr. 1. februar 2025:

IKS:

Amalie Bakkær Munk Andersen (valgt)

2. plads – ingen valgt

DPU:

Malis Ravn (valgt)

David Sebastian Jæger (valgt)

IKK:

Freja Ruby Flejsborg (valgt)

Niclas Nørby Jochumsen Hundahl (valgt)

Planlagte møder i 2025 (Anna har booket alle deltagere via Outlook kalenderen):

- Konstituerende møde 30. januar kl. 10.00-11.15 i 1443-440 med teams til Emdrup
- 14. marts kl. 13.00-15.00 i 1443-440 med teams til Emdrup
- 19. maj kl. 13.30-15.30 i 1443-440 med teams til Emdrup
- 21. august kl. 9.30-11.30 i 1443-440 med teams til Emdrup
- 20. oktober kl. 13.30-15.30 i 1443-440 med teams til Emdrup
- 15. december kl. 13.30-15.30 i 1443-440 med teams til Emdrup

7. Orientering om opslag af stilling som prodekan for forskning og leder af Graduate School, Arts
8. Eventuelt