

Mødedato: 19. januar 2026 kl. 14.15-15.15.

Mødested: 1443-440, Tåsingegade 3, 8000 Aarhus C

Mødeemne: Konstituerende ph.d.-udvalgsmøde

Deltagere:

Academic Representatives (VIP):

Anders-Christian Jacobsen/IKS, Charlotte Appel/IKS, Katja Brøgger/DPU.

PhD Representatives: Freja Ruby Flejsborg/IKK, Jamila Juzer Siamwalla/IKK, Sasha De-nae Juul Nielsen/IKS, Toke Kløve Junge/IKS, David Sebastian Jæger/DPU and Anna Lea Munk Magnussen/DPU.

Observers: PhD students Dina Winther/IKS and Sara Didriksen/IKS, Head of Graduate School/Vice Dean Søren M. Sindbæk, Anders Gade Jensen (minutes) and Anna Louise Plaskett/PhD Admin team.

Absent: VIP Kirsten Elisa Petersen/DPU, VIP Camilla Paldam/IKK, VIP Mette-Marie Zachar Sørensen/IKK.

- 1. Welcome, round of introduction and approval of the agenda**
- 2. Introduction to tasks and responsibilities of the committee**
- 3. Election of Chair from 1 February 2026**
- 4. Election of Vice Chair from 1 February 2026**
- 5. Language policy in the committee. The Faculty's policy**
- 6. Meetings in 2026**
- 7. Any other business**

1. Welcome, round of introduction and approval of the agenda

Anders-Christian byder velkommen. Flytter punkt 5 op på dagsordenen så vi får sprogpolitikken afklaret først.

Clarification of language policy in the committee: The ground rule is that elected committees are working in Danish. Anders-Christian noted that when negotiating legal matters in English we might notice drop in quality. He proposed that meetings would be conducted in combined Danish and English.

The committee voiced interest in keeping the committee welcoming of the international students. The current decision is to continue in English

2. Introduction to tasks and responsibilities of the committee

Introduction to the procedures ('forretningsorden').

At ordinary meetings, the committee will typically be informed about ongoing business of the Graduate School and its PhD programmes. General topics of evaluation of the PhD education and dispensations are the main tasks of the committee, and the committee offers political advice to the head of Graduate School. The committee does not

address individual case management apart from dispensation, but more overarching strategic and thematic discussions.

The upcoming international evaluation of the Graduate School is also a matter of great importance.

During the last two years, the PhD committee has had a procedure set up regarding approval of assessment committees (PhD dissertations) where a subcommittee has assessed the incoming suggestions on behalf of the entire PhD committee.

3. Election of Chair from 1 February 2026

Anders-Christian (current chair) gave an overview of the tasks and workload aspects of the position, opening the option for others to take on the position. He agrees to stand for election for one more year. Unanimously elected.

4. Election of Vice Chair from 1 February 2026

Freja Ruby Flejsborg (current vice chair) gave an overview of the tasks and remarked that she would stand another year but made a case for opening the position for other elected representatives in order to pass on the torch and keep continuity in the longer run. The committee backed up Freja's candidanship. Freja Ruby Flejsborg was unanimously elected.

Procedural position regarding assessment committees

The administration continues sending the form to a subcommittee to confirm the suggestions from the Graduate School. Anders-Christian Lund Jacobsen, Mette-Marie Zacher Sørensen and Sasha Denae Juul Nielsen form the subcommittee.

5. Language policy in the committee. The Faculty's Language policy

Discussed under item 1.

6. Meetings in 2026

The following meetings have been booked for the year. Anna Louise Plaskett notes that the elected committee members have an obligation to attend if they are not ill, on leave or doing field studies/stays abroad.

- 6. March at 13.15-15.15
- 11. May kl. 9.30-11.30
- 11. June kl. 10.00-11.30 - international evaluation panel interview
- 8. September kl. 13.15-15.15
- 11. November kl. 13.15-15.15

Meetings take place physically in Aarhus, but members from Emdrup can attend the meetings online (teams).

7. Any other business

Dina requested that the administration looks into not ordering disposable cups for future meetings.

The canteen only provides paper cups with food orders delivered outside of AU's Conference Centre.

Members attending meetings in Aarhus are therefore required to bring their own cups in future.