

Meeting date: 8 September 2026, 13:15-15:15
Meeting place: Taasingegade 3, 1443-440 and Teams
Meeting subject: Ordinary PhD committee meeting

Attendees:

Academic representatives: Charlotte Appel/IKS, Camilla Paldam/IKK, Mette-Marie Zacher Sørensen/IKK, Raymond Yamamoto/IKS.

PhD representatives: Jamila Juzer Siamwalla/IKK, David Sebastian Jæger/DPU and Anna Lea Munk Magnussen/DPU.

Observers: Head of Graduate School/Vice Dean Søren M. Sindbæk, Maja Højer Bruun/DPU PhD students Dina Winther/IKS and Sara Didriksen/IKS, Adviser to Søren Sindbæk, Lars Lodberg
Anders Gade Jensen, PhD administration (minutes)

Absent: Katja Brøgger/DPU, Toke Kløve Junge/IKS, Sasha Denae Juul Nielsen/IKS, Freja Ruby Flejsborg/IKK (vice chair)

- 1. Approval of agenda**
- 2. Reconstituting the PhD committee**
- 3. Status from the GSA**
- 4. Acceptance of ECTS points for PhD course work**
- 5. Meeting on 26 August with the vice dean and PhD programme directors**
- 6. Any Other Business**

1. Approval of agenda

Agenda approved without comments.

2. Reconstituting the PhD committee

Following an injury, Anders-Christian will not be able to serve on the committee any longer. Raymond Yamamoto steps in from IKS. Concerning the chairmanship, Charlotte Appel is elected as new chair and will serve as such for the remainder of the period. Anna Lea Munk Magnussen was elected as vice chair.

The website notes the wrong time on the November 11th meeting. This will be moved to 9.30-11.30.

3. Status from the GSA

Anders and Søren went through the statistics and summarized the welcoming of the new students. Søren noted that it might be pertinent to reduce the 5+3 intake to once

per year due to the assessment workload required compared to the number of scholarships.

The committee notes that it is important to have some continuity and a high degree of communication in this regard. Some members of staff have been supervising applicants with a view to the cancelled 5+3-call in the autumn.

The committee asked about what the administrative setup around the long term sick leave of 4+4-students. The administration and Søren noted that following the administrative changes, all cases of illness follow up has been handed over to HR who do not

The committee observes that the offered courses in the autumn seems very slim.

4. Acceptance of ECTS points for PhD course work

Charlotte gave a summary of the appendix circulated. The programme directors have asked the committee to expand the possibility of supervisors to allocate a larger amount of ECTS for extra curricular activity. Currently, supervisors can give 10 ECTS for conference work. The directors suggest raising this to 15.

The proposition was discussed in the committee which was predominantly positive. The main possible issue would be transparency in the education elements. The committee notes that documentation will be required in the PhD plan that the hours are spent.

The second point raised is the question of whether elements from MA level courses can be accepted as PhD coursework and to which extent it could fill out. The current rules should be checked up against the policy of the PhD committee. The further question is whether or not MA coursework could be part of the PhD diploma.

If changes are made, it should be evaluated with the PhD programme directors

A formal suggestion should be made for the agenda next time.

The phrasings in the current ruleset will be scrutinized in order to check if this constitutes just a change of policy or requires a formal change of rules. The committee will invite two programme directors for the upcoming meeting to discuss the item further.

The committee discussed the option of sending out a newsletter for the supervisors giving notice of changes and ongoing discussions in the PhD committee. The chair noted that this should not fall on the PhD administration.

5. Meeting on 26 August with the vice dean and PhD programme directors

Søren gave opening remarks. The meeting is part of the evaluation process.

The committee noted that HR-related issues are hard to separate from the study programme and advice the head of graduate school and administrative centre to keep HR resources in the PhD team.

The committee note a lack of transparency in the process regarding changes in the administrative support to the PhD education. Currently, the organization is awaiting final recommendations from the three schools.

The committee is watching the process with some trepidation awaiting the final say from the schools regarding the new ACA structure. The committee considers submitting some final remarks to the vice heads of schools regarding the PhD education.

6. Any Other Business
