

Akademisk Råd (Akademisk Råd)

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Kollokvierum Vest, Victor Albeck bygningen

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Punkt 1: Meeting information

Absent: Christine Cramer, Ph.d.-foreningen, Nicole Wedel Sewerin, Odontologisk Forening, Mille Nielsen

Punkt 2: News from chairperson Søren Dinesen Østergaard (14.00-14.10)

Søren thanks the council for the election as chairperson and introduces himself and his wishes for the council's work. He encourages the council to bring in topics for the future agendas and also to prioritize participating in the Sandbjerg Seminar August 29-30. The expected subject for the seminar will be AI-related.

The council is asked to elect or reelect a member for the board of AUFF. The council reelects Helle Pretorius Øhrwald to continue as a member of the AUFF board.

Punkt 3: For discussion: Predatory Journals by senior advisor Annette Balle Sørensen and Library Manager Hanne Munck Kristensen (14.10-14.25)

Annette Balle Sørensen gives a presentation on the subject stressing what to be aware of and how you can avoid being prey, including the library services on this matter (see pptx).

The council discusses further what can be done as the problem is expected to increase in the years to come. A suggestion was to have a resource person at the faculty to guide when in doubt. There are lots of grey zones.

It is also being stressed to avoid referring to predatory journals in your work, besides not publishing in them, and be aware of the quality of publication lists when you hire academics.

The council thanks for the presentation.

Punkt 4: For discussion: Data protection and GDPR by Andreas Breenfeldt Andersen (14.25-14.45)

Andres Breenfeldt Andersen gives a presentation based on his own experience with GDPR problems in connection with presentation of single data points in graphs that researchers should be aware of. He stresses that the current understanding of the GDPR rules can be very difficult (and sometimes impossible) to handle correctly for the individual researcher. The rules are being interpreted differently across Europe and there is lack of transparency for the researchers to be able to obey the law. The Danish understanding has the strictest interpreting.

The Dean acknowledges the problem and informs the council that AU has raised the issue together with the other Danish Universities to the national Data Protection Office. The Dean will keep the council oriented on the subject.

Punkt 5: For orientation: URIS committee - a status by Vice-dean for Research Per Höllsberg (14.45-14.55)

Per Höllsberg gives a status on the URIS committee's work. The goal is to be "as open as possible and as closed as necessary," which also indicates the necessary balance between corporation and security.

During the next couple of years, the URIS guidelines will be implemented at AU and a second and third wave of URIS guidelines will follow later.

The council discusses briefly the possible discriminating aspects of whom to check and not.

Per Höllsberg will keep the council up to date on the matter and will send the guidelines to the council.

Punkt 6: For discussion: Academic Council's role in connection with PhD assessments (follow-up from former meeting), by Head of PhD school Helene Nørrelund (14.55-15.10)

Helene Nørrelund presents the council's role based on the clarifying statements from the University Senior Management. The Academic Council's role is mainly to check for impartiality and other problems with misconduct.

It can be argued that there is a substantial degree of formality with regard to this task for the Academic Council but it is a part of AU law that the Academic Council formally has to approve the PhD dissertation.

The Academic Council accepts and thanks for the clarifications.

Punkt 8: News from the Dean (15.15-15.20)

Anne-Mette Hvas describes the ongoing work within revision and update of "Den danske kodeks for integritet i forskning" that has just started and will finish at the end of 2024.

The Dean's task is to ensure AU involvement to qualify the codex using different already existing forums (among others AU Praksisudvalg (The Research Practice Committee) and advisors for research integrity). The vice-deans for research will be responsible for involvement at faculty level and report comments to Anne-Mette Hvas, who will then bring this forward.

It was also agreed that it would be relevant for the academic councils to be involved.

Due to the nature of the process ("bits" of the codex will be circulated sequentially), it will be difficult to align with the relatively rare meetings in the council.

It is decided that 1-2 VIP members of the council can participate and keep the rest of the council informed and ask for input if relevant.

Christoffer Laustsen and Søren Dinesen Østergaard volunteered to participate in the work.

Punkt 9: For discussion: Input to the Action Plan 2025 by Dean Anne-Mette Hvas (15.20-15.40)

Anne-Mette Hvas gives a brief overview of the annual cycle for the strategic work with AU Strategy and Action Plan 2025. She brings forward already suggested ideas regarding research, collaboration, education. The council discusses further input and proposals for initiatives.

The Academic Council suggests the following initiatives:

- Focus on qualified people working in core-facilities. It is a strongly specialized area.
- Costs regarding access to core-facilities.
- Improved GDPR support at AU level (in progress already).
- Sustainability – avoid greenwashing.
- Career development, more general than the current wording.
- The students, not mentioned directly in the current 2025 action plan

Punkt 10: For discussion: AUFF's grants committee by Professor Helle Prætorius Øhrwald, Biomedicin (online via teams) (15.40-15.55)

Helle Prætorius Øhrwald gives an overview of AUFF's organization, priorities and what grants they allocate, focusing on International Mobility, AUFF Nova and AUFF Recruiting Grants (See pptx for details). As a new thing in 2024 there is 20% overhead on Nova-grants.

The council thanks for the good presentation.