

Akademisk Råd (Akademisk Råd)

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Punkt 2: News from chairperson Søren Dinesen Østergaard (14.00-14.15)

Søren briefed the council on the following subjects:

- At the next meeting in February, Associate Professor from Biomedicine, Sebastian Frische will lead a discussion on authorship practices. The CoARA (Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment) agreement is a source of inspiration and potential reading prior to the next meeting (is attached to the agenda). Aarhus University is among the (approximately 800) signatories, but not a full coalition member.
- The draft of the 2030 University Strategy will be sent out for hearing shortly. The council will discuss the response at the February 2025 meeting.
- Based on the discussion at Sandbjerg, Søren had proposed to the Chairpersons from the other councils that appointment of Honorary Doctors will be moved to a biennial system (it is a struggle to get suggestions every year). They will discuss it with their councils.
- There is a new plan for the consultation process in the Academic Council. See the attached plan. The next group taking over is:

From January 1, 2025, to April 30, 2025

Associate Professor Steffen Sinning (IRM)

Associate Professor Birgitte Mønster Christensen (IBM)

Associate Professor Bodil Bech (IFS)

Punkt 3: For discussion: Vacant seat in the Academic Council, by Søren Dinesen Østergaard (14.15-14.20)

Professor Anne Hammer Lauridsen was appointed as a new VIP member for Department of Clinical Medicine with full support from the council.

Punkt 4: For decision: (Re)-nomination of member of the Danish Board on Research Misconduct, by Søren Dinesen Østergaard (14.20-14.25)

The council supported renomination of Professor Helle Prætorius Ørhwald (Department of Biomedicine). Søren will bring this suggestion to the group of Chairpersons, which will decide who to nominate.

Punkt 5: For orientation: Health's new principles for air travel, by Dean Anne-Mette Hvas (14.25-14.40)

As a part of Aarhus University's climate action plan each faculty must reduce the number of flights by 30% by 2025. Therefore, the Faculty Management at Health and the Dean's Office have discussed new principles for air travel at Health. These principles have also been presented and discussed at departmental meetings.

Anne-Mette presented the 3 principles for air travel at Health:

- Fly less
 - Replace air travel with digital meetings whenever possible
 - Only attend conferences requiring air travel if you play an active role
 - Offer all participants the opportunity to join virtually when hosting meetings and conferences
- Choose alternatives to flying
 - Avoid domestic flights
 - Do not fly to destinations within an 800 km radius of Aarhus University
 - Travel by train, car, or bus instead
- If you must fly
 - Book all flights through Carlson Wagonlit Travel (CWT)
 - Choose economy class for all flights
 - Prioritize direct flights, as CO2 emissions are especially high during take off and landing

Overall, the council supported having air travel principles. The council discussed the principles and came up with the different perspectives and suggestions mentioned below:

- The price of time can be high, when you must choose between flights and trains.
- The time change can be an obstacle with online participation in conferences.
- CWT tend to offer flight routes with (many) connecting flights instead of direct routes.
- It was suggested to make some of the principles into rules. E.g. making carpooling more organized by having an AU/Health car-pooling club, where you should advertise your trip.
- Health should consider purchasing larger electric cars, allowing for carpooling in big groups.
- Some of AU/Health online facilities will need to be improved to make online conferences attractive/possible.
- The 800 km. radius guideline does not always make sense, especially if you are going north, and it is not aligned with the AU travel policy.
- The lack of networking with online participation is an issue for young researchers in particular. This could be mitigated by prioritizing travel for younger researchers, while having the more established researchers travelling less.
- The importance of setting examples. E.g., the Faculty Management could show what they have done to reduce air travel.
- The possibility of applying for green travel grants, especially for junior researchers. The price of green travel is high, so a faculty financed compensation could help make the green decision easier.
- Implementation of the principles should be added as a 4th principle.
- To take a new look at the CWT agreement. If we travel less, which consequences will it have for the agreement.
- The importance of remembering the whole context, so other Co2 reducing activities are also clear.
- Guidelines on how to implement the principles are needed.

Punkt 6: For orientation and discussion: Status on the Master's Degree Reform, by Deputy Head of Department for Education, Public Health, Mette Vinther Skriver (14.40-14.55)

Mette Vinther Skriver was absent. Anne-Mette Hvas gave a status on her behalf.

The Health proposal for a new master degree has been discussed at the Faculty level.

Health must restructure 55 student seats either to one year master programmes (75 ECTS) or to industry programmes (erhvervskandidater).

The council discussed the proposal and drew also attention to the importance of the economic aspects for courses with only few students.

Punkt 8: News from the Dean Anne-Mette Hvas (15.00-15.10)

Anne-Mette briefed the council on:

- The new head of department at Department of Public Health, Michael Baggesen Klitgaard, who took office on 1 December.
- The status of the transfer of the National Centre for Register-based Research from BSS to the Department of Public Health in the new year. Around 60 people are affiliated with the center.
- The status of partnership agreements with the pharmaceutical industry that the council discussed in June. There are currently no negotiations regarding new agreements.

Punkt 9: For discussion: How to implement a backflow of information from Academic Council meetings to departments, by Anne-Mette Hvas (15.10-15.25)

The council discussed what relevant departmental forums it can use to ensure that relevant information and discussions from the Academic Council meetings are disseminated to the Departments.

It was decided to i) update the website for the council, and ii) end every item on the agenda with a decision on which communication line to use, and to document this decision in the agenda. This will be put into action from 2025 and onwards.

Punkt 10: AOB (15.25-15.30)

Jens Vase announced he will leave the council from February 1, 2025, since he has been elected as student representative for the AU Board. The council thanked him for his service. A newly elected student representative will replace Jens.

Punkt 11: For orientation and discussion: Health's Degree Programme Report 2024, by Vice Dean for Education, Lise Wogensen Bach (15.30 - 15.50)

Lise went through selected parts of the report with focus on the critical indicators, e.g., the study intensity at the bachelor and master level in Public Health (see appendix 1 in the attached report).

Overall, Health has a low 1st year drop-out rate, but the drop-out for the bachelor programs is rather high (17-19%).

The social and academic study environment receives positive feedback.

The council discussed the evaluation system and recommended reducing the number and replacing some of the written evaluations by a dialogue-based evaluation.

The council thanked Lise for the presentation.

Punkt 12: Revision of the curriculum for medicine and regionalization of 30 study seats of the Master's degree programme, by Vice Dean for Education, Lise Wogensen Bach (15.50-16.00)

Lise informed the council about the background for the revision, e.g., that the primary healthcare sector will play an even more prominent role in the future.

3 working groups have provided recommendations regarding psychiatry, inequality in health and general practice.

Lise went through the suggested Gødstrup model with 30 study seats per year within the existing uptake.

The plan is that the first admission to the Bachelor degree with geographical legal claim to Gødstrup and Herning SUND+ at the master level takes place in 2026. This means that the first admission to Master's degree programme in Gødstrup/SUND+ takes place in 2029.

The plan is also that activities e.g. electives at the bachelor level with focus on general practice will start up in 2026 in SUND+.

Lise explained that the aim of SUND+ is to strengthen interest in general practice among students and ensure competencies in collaboration between doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals.

The council discussed the pros and cons of the plans. Generally, the council saw many positive aspects to the plans.

It was suggested to investigate the logistic challenges arising from courses taking place in Herning and students living in Aarhus. Attending courses online is unlikely to be appealing to the students. Accordingly, one of the next steps is find lecturers who can teach on site.

The council thanked Lise for the presentation.