



MINUTES OF MEETING #1.2017 IN THE STUDY ENVIRONMENT GROUP FOR AAU CPH

DATE 18.01.2017, 15.30 – 17.30 HRS.

ROOM 4.13, BUILDING B (FREDERIKSKAJ 12), AAU CPH

PARTICIPANTS: Nikolaj Stegeager (NS), Martin Vive Ivø (MVI), Bjarke Madsbøll (BM), Brian Møller Pejter (BMP), Olav Emil Nissen (OEN), Anders Bech Mogensen (ABM)

CANCELLATIONS: Anders Paarup Nielsen (APN), Jon Ram Bruun-Pedersen (JBP), Danny Raymond (DR), Ruta Naujokaite (RN)

SECRETARY: Simon Holmen Reventlow Clemmensen (SRC)

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AGENDA	FOLLOW-UP
1. Approval of agenda The agenda was approved.	
2. Follow-up from the first meeting NS informed the group about his dialogue with the vice-deans. The addition of two extra employee representatives has been approved, so that each faculty will be represented by one student and one staff member. Following this, Bjarke Madsbøll (BM, HUM) has been appointed to the group. Regarding the issue of time compensation for VIP members of the group, each VIP should approach their respective head of department to agree how participation in the group can be accommodated in their total workload.	
3. Themes for the meeting with the Strategic Educational Council The meeting with the Strategic Educational Council will take place from 10:30 – 13:00 on Friday, 27 January, including a 50-minute tour of the campus and a joint working lunch. For the tour, the SEG agreed that it is important that the council members are shown both some of the best and newly renovated areas (such as the studios for either Sustainable Design or Integrated Food Studies, the changing rooms, the student bar and the Study and Career Guidance Centre) and some of the	SRC will draft a suggested route with input from the student members. SRC will send a list of themes to the students, who will divide the issues among themselves. The students will lead the discussion with the council.

less inspirational zones such as some of the large, open spaces in building B. The open area for Communication students in building A and the study area for first-year students in building D were also mentioned.

A wide range of topics for the meeting was discussed, and the members agreed that the most important issues were:

- Support for cross-disciplinarity, both in academic and extra-curricular contexts. AAU On Demand is a good example for selected students, but academic symposia and courses or competitions in project presentation techniques were also mentioned as ideas.



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- - Better information to students concerning university matters and support for students in navigating the university systems. Much information is difficult to find for the students, and the experience is that sometimes the various parts of the university (Shared Services, faculties, schools and departments) do not present information consistently. Another dimension of this is the challenge of having effective and focused communication channels to and with students; e.g. too many irrelevant emails are sent to student e-mail accounts, leading them to ignore all correspondence.
- - Making the campus more attractive outside teaching hours. The students called for the canteen to stay open later or some other food service to be offered and welcomed the campus development plans regarding better fitness facilities etc.
- - The importance of creating an AAU (CPH) -identity on campus. Social initiatives (in addition to the Friday bar) are important, and perhaps holding a mini-conference for staff and students on how AAU CPH can contribute to the development of Sydhavn might be an idea?
- - Continuous improvement of the videoconference systems and didactic models. The student members said that despite the improvements made during 2016, there are still both technical and didactic challenges to the learning experience. The didactic setup is the focus for the next phase of the strategic videoconference project, and the SEG agreed that giving student feedback to the council on this matter would be fruitful.
- - Participation in governing councils. The student members mentioned that they and their fellow students felt powerless to influence their study conditions due to lack of involvement representation on university-wide working groups and lack of knowledge concerning the possibility of becoming a member of the study boards.

<p>Both staff and students wish to be more directly involved in university-wide procedures.</p>	
<p>4. Improving student engagement on campus</p> <p>Lack of student engagement in campus-wide activities was identified as one of the main challenges to the study environment at AAU CPH.</p> <p>The chairman and secretary has created a list of stakeholders for the SEG, but there are very few students on the list, which makes it difficult to reach the student body with relevant information. The SEG agreed that more students should be added to the list, starting with the student study counsellors employed by the schools, and that all students should be offered the opportunity of being added to the stakeholder list. In addition, minutes of the SEG meetings should be posted to the Facebook group "Social Life AAU CPH". The main objective is to spread information as widely as possible on campus in an effort to show students that there is a channel through which they can influence campus life, and to realise this study secretaries, student study counsellors, video screens and blackboards should be utilised.</p> <p>The decentral student counsellors are also a resource, and some of the have a very broad range of contacts, so they should be on the list of stakeholders.</p>	<p>SRC will add the student study counsellors to the stakeholder list.</p> <p>The student study counsellors will be invited to a future meeting in the SEG to start a dialogue.</p> <p>SRC will ask the central study counsellor (Kathrine Hougaard Madsen) to ask the student study counsellors for ideas regarding improving the study environment.</p> <p>All students will receive a mail in February offering the opportunity to be added to the stakeholder</p>



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<p>The possibility of having a study environment booth at study start was raised. If the thought is to be pursued, it has to be student-run.</p>	<p>list.</p>
<p>5. Other business</p> <p>The SEG asked Shared Services CPH to develop the way campus initiatives and events are communicated to be more visual and possibly with updates on current status and future plans.</p>	<p>A grand meeting will be called where students can be informed about – and offer input to – initiatives regarding campus development.</p>