



**Meeting date:** 20/2 – 2019, 14:00-16:00  
**Meeting place:** 1521-220  
**Meeting subject:** PHAUST Board Meeting

**Attendees:**

Simon  
Amanda  
Louise  
Erica

**1. Welcome**

**2. Formalities**

- a. Election of Chairman - Simon
- b. Approval of minutes from last meeting

**3. Evaluating the last stress workshop**

- It works really well. People like it and are engaged in the activities. Good place to talk to other people going through the same as you (?)
- Problem: A lot does not know that it exists? We should advertise it more (see point 6).
- Twice a year is still a good number so no matter when you started you have the opportunity to join.

**4. Evaluating stay-abroad workshop**

- Good idea – in general good feedback.
- We will do it again this year. Keep it in august.
- We should collect information about the two workshops, so we know who to contact – Amanda has for the stay-abroad, Jesper (?) for the stress-workshop.

**5. Planning May stress workshop**

- a. Picking a date – we will do it the week 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> of May.
- b. Louise and Erica will arrange.
- c. Should anything change from the last time?
  - a. No, it worked fine.

**6. Recruitment**

- a. How do we get more members for the board?
  - a. We need new members!
  - b. General problem at associations – the lack of people.
  - c. Send out an e-mail if we are allowed to use the PhD mailing list?
- b. How do we reach people we do not already know?
  - a. See above.
  - b. Mailing list of the secretaries at each department – send out information to those.



- c. We should send out an e-mail before each meeting to the secretaries to distribute (with dates and things).
- d. Update Facebook with meeting dates and minutes after meetings.
- e. This way we (hope) not to bombard people too much on e-mail. In general Facebook would be nice to use more – to make us more visible?

#### **7. Removing the position of treasurer**

- a. What do we do with the remaining money?
  - a. Sponsor something for the summer hangout? GSST should get the money – on the agenda for the next GSST meeting.
- b. Is there anything else we have to do in this regard?
  - a. We have to wait and see what they see.

#### **8. Status on organising drives etc.**

- a. Is there any news with regards to organising drives and documents?
  - a. Yes, it is up and running.
  - b. Everything should be put up here. We will start to move things from the google drive to the AU drive.

#### **9. The split of the Faculty of Science and Technology**

- a. How do we expect to react to this? Will PHAUST split as well?
  - a. We do not know how ST will be split. We will discuss it at the next board meeting when we know more, since PHAUST will maybe have to split as well?

#### **10. Problems to bring up with AUPA**

- a. Simon will bring up the following problems with AUPA. Should he do it as a regular board member or as a representative for PHAUST?
- b. 1<sup>st</sup> problem: Interdisciplinary work.
  - How do we reduce the uncertainty for PhD students doing interdisciplinary work, and how do we avoid that they are evaluated in a mono-disciplinary or otherwise unfair way?
- c. 2<sup>nd</sup> problem: Professionalization versus “schoolification” of the PhD education.
  - PhD students are caught between being full employees at the university and being students at the university. This is further exacerbated by the fact that for many PhDs this is their first real job, and they are unaccustomed to the role of being an employee with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities that this entails. How do we make it easier for PhD students at AU to be comfortable with this role? How do we extend the rights and privileges to Part A 4+4 and 3+5 PhDs, as these have all the same responsibilities as their fellow Part B colleagues?
- d. 3<sup>rd</sup> problem: The relative weight of non-research work on PhD students.



Is the current requirement of ECTS points and dissemination hours fair? Is it the same across institutes, and/or should it be? Should we fight for a more clear standard for how people are compensated for political/administrative work rather than the current “case-by-case”-based method?

- e. The 3<sup>rd</sup> problem will be put forward to AUPA on behalf of PHAUST. The other two will just be AUPA discussions.

**11. Mailing lists for ST PhDs**

- a. When and for what do we use PhD mailing lists?
  - a. Ask GSST if we can use it? Maybe to get new members.
  - b. Otherwise we will distribute information through the secretaries and on Facebook.

**12. Next board meeting**

- a. The next planned time is around mid/end May. Does that work for everyone?
  - a. The next meeting will be last week of May.

**13. Any other business?**

- a. No