

January 2025 - Agenda

The Junior Researcher Association

Date: 8th of January 2025

Time: 16.00-17.00

Venue: 1431-015 and online

Participants: Luisa Cassiano, Marcel Bühler, Sidsel Rasmussen, Maria Correia, Vibeke Broe and Nanna Bruun Mortensen

Chair?

Agenda

1. Welcome

- Today: define roles in the board:

2. Constitution of the new board

- a. President: Luisa
- b. Vice-president: Marcel
- c. Treasurer: Maria

3. Internal structure, coordination and communication of the JRA

- a. Expectations of each other in JRA
 - Everyone checks the mail box once a week
 - We could each commit to checking the shared e-mail one day of the week?
 - Whoever sees an e-mail, the person will share it with the rest - should we do something about it, discuss to the next meeting etc.
- b. How to ensure smooth communication internally
 - communicate via e-mail

4. The role of AU Career PhD & JR / Vibeke Broe

- a. Economy and budget

- 25.000DKK every year - if they aren't used, they will "disappear"
 - if there will be a longer meeting, there can be ordered dinner, for example sandwiches
 - A longer meeting will give better opportunities to talk about JRA topics → maybe on a Friday where there can be a longer meeting
 - Annual wheel of activities - a safe way to make sure that the money are being spend (also easy for a new board in the future)
 - Vibeke will check mails from the Research Support Office and we can see if it is relevant for us to advertise
 - check old minutes to see why it stopped with the Research Support Office
 - Matt or his wife can be relevant for events
 - Collaborate with the research office
- b. The role of Nanna (student aid).
- Newsletter: a planned theme, four newsletter a year
 - Match the course calender with the newsletter calender
 - Help reminding about dates and deadlines
 - Nanna sends Annes version of the upcoming newsletter
- c. JRA in relation to Lone Ryg Olsen and UL - what does this require from you?
- Vibeke will also help with this
 - Lone would like to know when it would make sense to have a meeting with one for the University Management
 - Annual meetings in April or May
 - Make an introduction (maybe an e-mail) from the JRA board to Lone and the others so they know who we are, before the meeting
 - What is being discussed in the meetings? No agenda right now, but what the JRA board think is relevant to bring to

the management, positions in the council, challenges with the academic council

- The meetings are more formal (there has to be a sagsfremstilling one or two weeks before the meeting)

5. University management staff (US) Public consultation (hørings svar)

- a. The consultation phase (høringsperioden) is from Dec.13th – Feb.24th
- b. Plan for preparation of answers

6. Events for the year

- a. Deciding on the number and size of events (One big and one small)- consider making an annual event plan?
- b. Deciding on type of events - Ideas:

- Contacting BSS, TECH and ARTS with a concept for a PostDoc appreciation day and ask them to do something similar at their faculty.

We can organise it and they pay for it.

- We can look into what other universities do with a Postdoc appreciation day (look at the US)
- (The idea is in the strategy so we can use what is said there to ask about a Postdoc appreciation week - all the organizing is up to each faculty)
- Karolinska could be interesting to talk to, maybe a meeting
- Also PAND could be interesting to talk to
- Postdoc appreciation week (September maybe) - make it a theme with small events during the week, and AU Career PhD & JR maybe also have some events that could fit in - **main point for the next agenda**

- Contacting Christine Parsons for a joint event/course. Most likely a project management course that has 3-4 sessions.
- is it relevant to re-involve the Research support unit and the courses they offered a couple of years back for postdocs for free?

<https://medarbejdere.au.dk/administration/stoette-til-din-forskningspraksis/forskningsstoetteenheden>

7. Nordic Junior Faculty Collaboration - inspiration from Karolinska

- Ask for data from HR at AU - not share it, but analyze it
 - Vibeke has mailed the name in HR to Luisa
- Reach out to different JRA's in DK about this
 - What is other JRA's situation - and then later maybe establish a national JRA
 - Question in a survey that can be shared in a newsletter or online
- Luisa e-mails the girls and asks the women about their data → and she shares information about the study to the rest of the board

8. Other issues to discuss:

- Points for next meeting:
 - Improving contact between JR observers in the academic council and the JRA.
 - Improve contact between the observers and the JR at the faculties. (who are the observers)
 - Overview of meetings in the academic council.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rM-p4m32yH3yLSEaAomBrfYIYJM4Z-EvLqG4fK324ws/edit?tab=t.0>

- External communication: how can we improve communication between the JRA and the JRs at AU?

9. Next meeting: 19/2-2025, 15.00-16.00

- Move the monthly meeting?
 - The third Wednesday in the month
- Respond to the strategy
- Postdoc appreciation week - main theme
 - who to reach out to at ARTS? New prodean for research, current one is Jakob Bek-Thomsen <https://arts.au.dk/om-arts/dekanat>
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- Luisa answers Niels' mail
- Maybe Sidsel leaves in a few months, it could be nice to have a suppleant (Ale is interested in joining: **Alessandro Messina** Mail: *a.messina@psy.au.dk*)
- Annual wheel
- Extraordinary meeting with sandwiches a Friday afternoon, 14 or 15 o'clock
 - Nanna can order sandwiches, coffee and a room
- Nanna puts the functions of the different board members + only the faculties to each member + the delete "News" + send the e-mail to the others before sending it out