

December 2022 - Minutes (General Assembly)

The Junior Researcher Association

Date: 8th of December 2022

Time: 11.30-13.00

Venue: Preben Hornung Stuen

Participants: Kasper Glerup Lauridsen, Anne Birkeholm Jensen, Macarena Gomez de Salazar, Vibeke Broe, Miriam Kobbersmed, Emma Valentin Bager, + 30 participants.

1. Election of chairman and minute taker

- Chairman: Kasper
- Minute taker: Emma

2. Approval of the agenda

- Approved

3. Presentation of the Junior Researcher Association for new members

- Presentation of newsletter, website, aim
- Area of focus
 - Spread the word
 - Open Letter, articles in Omnibus
 - Courses and events for postdocs and assistant professors at AU
 - We have our own events but we also collaborate with AU Career PhD & JR and The Research Support Office
 - <https://talent.au.dk/event-calendar>
 - Give a vote to JR at AU
 - Observer at Health, BSS, Natural Sciences (Academic Councils) - but no vote

- Hoping to get a spot on Technical Sciences and Arts
- Cathrine is presenting her work in Academic Councils
- (NS)
 - Her spot is free from march if anyone is interested
 - subjects: onboarding for postdocs, mentoring within the department, peer-to-peer communication, A-B-C criteria
- Why don't we have a permanent spot?
 - Maybe because our position is temporary
 - To get a seat we need to be sure that this person is representing all junior researchers. But the JRA has not been that organized (yet).
- Contact to AU Management
 - Contact with Brian Beck Nielsen og Lone Ryg Olsen
 - We need to establish contact with the faculties and regular meetings with the management - to follow up on the support of junior researchers at the faculties.
 - Granted 100.000 for courses next year.
- Where have you heard about JRA?
 - Welcoming-email
 - Department secretary
- Junior Researcher Development Programme
 - Should promote JR initiatives

- The Programme has been shut down
 - Strategic money for the program, but there has not been allocated money to the faculties
 - The faculties wanted to take the responsibility of making locally initiatives for junior researchers
- It has not been successful, who has the responsibility now for the junior researchers?
- Meeting with Lone: we suggested annual status meeting on the faculties about the junior researcher development
 - the best solution: collaboration between a central institution and the local work at the faculties
- Presentation of our budget
- Thoughts for the future
 - More active members (not necessarily board members, it could be contact persons).
 - Sub-committees in JRA
 - Permanent positions in Academic Councils
 - Strengthening the dialogue with faculties and AU management
 - Mentorship programme
 - Maybe also a mentor, who isn't your leader. A mentor outside your institute
 - or an external mentor in industry
 - Continuous course development and funding
 - AU conference on Junior Researcher development

4. Election of board members

- We need both active members and board members
- The board will at our next meeting decide on a president, vice president, treasurer
- Workload
 - One meeting a month (1 hour)
 - Ad-hoc tasks
- Question: Have you considered local working groups on the faculties?
 - if it is possible, it would be great
- New board members
 - Josefa Verdugo, Natural Sciences, Biology,
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 - Marcel Bühler, Technical Sciences, mb@bce.au.dk
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 - Jonathan von Oppen, jonathan.vonoppen@bio.au.dk
 - Miriam Rosas-Umbert, mru@clin.au.dk

5. Submitted proposals

- Content of amendment to statutes
 - the past leadership should contribute to the new board - to support the new leadership
- The changes are accepted

6. Potential contact persons

- The list from the general assembly
- Lau Møller Andersen, Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies, Arts ,
Health
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