

September 2023 - Minutes

The Junior Researcher Association

Date: 6 September 2023

Time: 16.00-17.00

Venue: 1431-015 and online

Participants: Anne Birkeholm Jensen, Marcel Bühler, Maria Josefa Verdugo Avello, and Emma Valentin Bager.

Guest: Maya Pasgaard (NAT), Katrine Rasmussen (BSS) and Anne Lundahl

Mauritsen (ARTS) (can't participate - but would like to be invited to our next meeting)

Minutes:

1. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

- Approved

2. AC Councils

- Update on the different faculties
- Tina Wang Vedelø is at Health (JRA's closest contact to the AC.)
- Maya Pasgaard is an observer at Natural Sciences. Representing JR
 - assistant professor (Biology)
- Katrine Rasmussen is an observer at BSS
 - temporary position (Psychology)
- Working on getting an observer at ARTS (Anne Lundahl Mauritsen)
- TECH: We can have two observation positions.
 - TECH wants a formal procedure for the election. Maybe we can get a permanent position.
- Inputs from our guests

- Katrine: she feels welcome at the AC meetings but at the same time there are a lot of administrative challenges (difficulties to access documents and being invited to gatherings). Maya experiences the same.
- The interaction with JRA representative on AC
 - Right now, Maya forwards the agenda to JRA and asks for our inputs. Otherwise, she uses her own and colleagues' experiences as inputs to the meetings.
 - Katrine doesn't feel like she is representing all junior researchers at BSS but mostly the researchers with a psychology background.
- Observer or permanent position on AC
 - At BSS junior researchers are allowed to be elected for a permanent position, but the duration is 4 years. It doesn't make sense when junior researchers are in temporary positions.
 - Students can be elected for one year - so it should be possible for us as well.
 - the dean at ARTS is very open for junior researchers at AC
 - But, in general, it seems difficult to change our positions as observers to permanent spots on the councils. It can be a struggle.
- Do we need a voice on the academic councils?
 - Yes - we have a unique perspective due to our temporary positions. And we can also speak up for the ph.d. students

- Our voice is important: a neglect of the feeling of being in a temporary position → we need to talk about that. Many of the senior researchers don't have the same experience being in a temporary position
- It's difficult being a junior researcher - there are a lot of different demands.
- How can JRA support the representatives?
 - Maya and Katrine would like inputs/feedback on the agenda
 - Or JRA could give feedback on the minutes from AC meetings
 - or specific topics they should push
 - Our interactions could be written (email) or oral (meetings)
 - *Two yearly meetings (JRA will organize them) - Representatives from each AC should introduce the situation at their faculty.*
 - *Anne will be the contact person*
 - Other than that the representatives are always welcome to join JRA's meeting or forward something they need our feedback on.
- Newsletter/website
 - a small piece on AC in our next newsletter
 - maybe we should include the contact information of the representatives of AC on our webpage

3. Status on working groups

- Events / Courses / Seminars
 - We need to start planning the social media networking event

4. JRA-NAT event

- everyone should prioritize to participate in this event (at least 4 participants from JRA)

5. Survey: Early Career Researchers (collaboration with DM)

- Input from Cecilie: She can contact Niels Glæsner (from DM) with our decision. Minimum two members from the board should take responsibility for the task, but she doesn't have time for it.
- this point was postponed to next meeting

6. Courses with RSO

- this point was postponed to next meeting

7. Financial situation

- this point was postponed to next meeting

8. General Assembly

- We need to set a date.
- Anne will set a date and Emma will make a "save the date" post on FB and in the newsletter

9. Other

- a. Newsletter?
 - i. Marcel will write something about AC
- b. Meetings next semester?

- i. First Wednesday of the month? 16.00-17.00?
- ii. Emma will create a calendar invites for the next semester
- iii. Next meetings
 - 1. 4 October 16.00-17.00
 - 2. 1 November 16.00-17.00
 - 3. 6 December 16.00-17.00