

Health PhD Committee (Health PhD Committee  
meeting)

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Jens Baggesens Vej 53, bld. 5220, room 014 (basement level -  
lunch room)

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## Punkt 1: Meeting information

### Participants

PhD students (observers): Shokouh Arjmand, Mojdeh Mansoori, Malene Kærslund Hansen, Tanja Charlotte Frederiksen, Mette Vestergård Pedersen, Fernando Valentim Bitencourt.

Academic staff: Stine Sofia Korreman, Ditte Demontis, Loni Kraus Ledderer, Rikke Katrine Jentoft Olsen, Jeppe Prætorius.

Graduate School of Health: Helene Nørrelund (Head of graduate school), Birgitte Rosenvind Eriksen (Head of Health PhD administration, minute taker).

### Guests

Tanja Hansen, Advisor and Anja Einholm, Research Network Coordinator, Dean's Office, Health (*item 2: Scientific PhD programmes*)

### Absence

Lise-Lotte Kirkevang, Ole Ingemann Hansen (academic staff).

## Punkt 2: Scientific PhD programmes

### It is recommended that

The PhD committee discuss the proposal for scientific programmes and share input and insights with the working group

### Case

Based on the recommendations by the international evaluation panel and the PhD school strategy seminar in 2022 the dean and the head of the PhD school has decided to explore the options for introducing scientific programmes. The programmes should increase the visibility of research at the faculty, support recruitment, and be an aid to PhD students wanting a more acute scientific profile.

A working group has been tasked with developing a proposal working within the confines of a mandate by the dean. At the meeting the working group will present a draft proposal to the PhD Committee. Prior to the PhD Committee meeting the proposal has been presented to the deanery, the faculty management, and to a special advisory group consisting of Henning Grønbæk, Christina C. Dahm, Christian Aalkjær, Ditte Demontis, Christian Lindholst, Mai Marie Holm, Kamille Smidt Rasmussen, Torben Sigsgaard, Thomas Vorup-Jensen and Birgitte Rosenvind Eriksen.

Programmes have scientific activities at the heart of their operation and will not have the same administrative and organizational tasks related to enrolment and education as the three Graduate Research Programmes which will continue in their current form.

A final proposal is scheduled to be presented to the deanery in early June. If approved as is, the final proposal will be presented to the faculty management for approval in late June.

### Responsible

Helene Nørrelund

## Punkt 3: Well-being initiatives for PhD students at Health

### **It is recommended that**

The PhD committee takes note of the briefing.

### **Case**

Helene Nørrelund will give an update on the latest actions from the working group on PhD students' well-being and the graduate school's initiatives regarding well-being of PhD students at Health.

Mojdeh Mansoori will inform about the meeting in the PhD well-being committee held on 9 March 2023, which she attended as the new PhD student representative in the committee.

### **Responsible**

Helene Nørrelund and Mojdeh Mansoori

## Punkt 4: Briefing: The AU Health/AUH strategy for health-scientific research

### **It is recommended that**

The PhD Committee takes note of the briefing.

### **Case**

At the last PhD Committee meeting, it was agreed to follow up on the strategy work in the implementing groups of the AUH/AU Health strategy for health scientific research. Of particular interest is the item concerning development opportunities for all talented researchers, incl. younger researchers and PhD students, and it was expected that a PhD student would join this implementing group. However, no PhD student has joined the group, but Head of Graduate Programme in Biomedicine, Thomas Vorup-Jensen, has joined the group to keep the interest of PhD students in mind.

FYI: The strategy has been translated into English and can be found here together with the composition of all implementing group:

- [\*How AU Health and AUH plan to elevate health research to a new level \(from InsideHealth\) and\*](#)
- [\*Strategy for clinical health science research - Aarhus Universitetshospital \(auh.dk\) \(from AUH's website\)\*](#)

### **Responsible**

Stine Sofia Korreman

## Punkt 5: Briefing from the chair

### **It is recommended that**

The PhD committee takes note of the briefing.

### **Case**

Chair of the PhD Committee, Stine Sofia Korreman, will brief the PhD Committee on status of current tasks and initiatives.

**Responsible**

Stine Sofia Korreman

## **Punkt 6: Briefing from the PhD Association**

**It is recommended that**

The PhD committee takes note of the briefings.

**Case**

The PhD Association gives a status on their work since the last meeting.

**Responsible**

PhD students from the PhD Association

## **Punkt 7: Briefing from the advisory committees**

**It is recommended that**

The PhD committee takes note of the briefings.

**Case**

The advisory committees give a status on their work since the last meeting:

- Course Committee
- Committee for Credit Transfer and Dispensation

**Responsible**

Advisory committees

## **Punkt 8: Briefing from Head of Graduate School**

**It is recommended that**

The PhD committee takes note of the briefing.

**Case**

The head of graduate school briefs the PhD committee on news from the graduate school.

**Responsible**

Helene Nørrelund

## **Punkt 9: Any other business**