

10 March 2016, 13.15 – 15.00
1673-118
Joint meeting

Participants: Employees at the Department of Geoscience

Minutes from the meeting

University economy

SBN presented the possible consequences of the state budget changes as of 2016.

- High road plan from 2011 : ST was short of 99 mio kr, of which DG counted for 3,6mio kr, which was decided to be covered by external funding
- New state budget consequence is approx. 150mio kr, and it is not known how much DG will have to contribute
- ST administration costs approx. 5% of the ST budget
- AU administration costs approx. 10-12% of the ST budget

It was generally acknowledged that the overall intent of the different consequences imposed by the government budget and the progress reform(fremdriftsreform) is to increase the efficiency of the universities, not to reduce the core activities, which comprise education, research, talent development, and knowledge exchange.

It was also discussed that it would be desirable to know the details of the new economy model to be encouraged to find savings that are meaningful, and also to know more about the order of magnitude of savings that the department faces.

Proposals for savings:

- Teach smarter – elephant paths can help gaining time
- Pay administration on demand
 - Reduce event organisation
 - Acquire services from outside
- Reduce window washing to two times per year
- Find sponsorships for field courses to reduce costs and not send the total bill directly to the students

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- Invite alumni to become sponsors (crowd funding).

REAP

SBN called attention to the necessity of registering applications in REAP at all stages from planning of proposal writing and budgeting over project submission to accepted/rejected. At each stage the researcher must inform project finance administrators Rana Elahmad and Thomas Lund Hansen, who will do the typing.

2025 FORSK

David Lundbek introduced a new call for potential research areas, Forsk2025, for the period 2020-2025, from the ministry of Higher Education and Science. They call for general research themes of societal interest with a deadline of 13 April 2016. It is possible to find inspiration from:

- The OECD megatrends, in which we have several possibilities to participate.
- The proposals that DG sent to the faculty as part of the large projects, as Water, Climate.
- The 2020 report: <http://ufm.dk/publikationer/2012/forsk2020>

David sends information to all researchers, and collects and sends proposals in April.

Department Forum election

Election for the Department Forum for a new 4-year period:

7 VIP: Niels Balling, Stephane Bodin, Steen Christensen, Katrine Juul Andresen, Anders Vest Christiansen, Nikolaj Krog Larsen (substitute)

3 TAP: Kirsten Rosendal, Rasmus Andreasen, Nikolaj Foged

Employed PhD student: coming up.