

Minutes of the meeting in the Biotechnology Dialogue Forum on Wednesday 6th November 2024.

Participants: Conni Simonsen, Simon Craige, Ariadna Perez Montero, Justyna Anna Kowalczyk, Aleksandra Wiktoria Rzewuska, Maria Jose Pachon Fuentes and Tomas Bech Madsen.

1. Welcome and approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

2. Announcements and orientation from the head of centre and teachers

Among other topics Conni will give a status about:

- a) Finding a new head of study and new teachers,*
- b) The effort to ease the teachers' workload,*
- c) The meeting in the Education Committee 22 October, and*
- d) New Campus Kalundborg from 2025*

Conni and Tomas mentioned that they will make sure that the 1. Semester students will be informed about the Dialogue Forum soon so that they can elect their representatives before Christmas.

Conni informed about our new head of study, Louise Bjørn, who begins 1 December.

We hope to employ 1 or 2 new teachers by 1 January (or maybe 1 December). There was a short discussion about which scientific fields especially needs to be covered, where we need to expand/develop the competences.

There is positive feedback from Novo Nordisk, Unibio and other companies in regard to providing part-time teachers, should it prove necessary. Conni mentioned that it is very positive with this goodwill from our industrial partners. Simon gave an example with a group from Novo Nordisk who might be able to help.

Maria mentioned that she had informed the Education Committee about the survey among the students, and that there had been a good discussion. Simon thanked Maria and the other students for making us aware about how they see the situation.

It was mentioned that the mix with Mechanical Engineering in "Practical control and Instrumentation" is still a bit difficult because of the student form mechanical Engineering not knowing part of the terminology used. It is being handled.

There was a short discussion about how it is going with the teaching in the different courses, both in the classroom and in labs. It is as always important with honest and constructive feedback from the students.

The mid-term oral evaluation in class have been forgotten in some courses. We have to remember to do it.

Conni informed about the plan to make a new campus building together with the other higher education institutions in Kalundborg. If all goes well, this could be from autumn 2027. The new campus building will be very close to the present Absalon Campus.

Until then it will be the pavilion solution. The first pavilion was taken into use this summer. A second will come from next summer – with a chemical lab.

There were questions about the students' access to the pavilion outside of normal working time. The access should be as to the Campus. If there are any problems with access cards, the student shall check with Facility Service/Arne.

Meeting rooms in the pavilion can't be booked through the system since we are sharing them with the other institutions, who don't have access to our booking system.

3. Announcements and orientation from the students

Justyna asked if the students can get the specific date for the individual student at the January oral exams now? For time being they know the dates for the course. Simon mentioned that Julie is working on it.

Ola asked if the exam dates could be distributed more over time, some in December, some in January. She mentioned that Friday 3 January is not good - Monday 6 Jan. is better.

The students would also like to know the bachelor project dates soon.

Simon mentioned that a working group of teachers are trying to find better exam forms in some courses. Maria asked why there is an written exam in Math 2, and suggested it could be oral instead.

The students mentioned that there is a need for a couple more microwave ovens at campus.

It was also mentioned that electric scooters inside next to the coat hangers are a problem.

The students have many ideas about the graduation. Maria has sent her thoughts, and Ariadna will do the same.

The students would very much like to get a good overview of teachers (incl. laboratory technicians) with information about what people are teaching in. Tomas will talk with Conni about this.

4. **Any other business**

The dates for the Dialogue Forum in the Spring semester will be sent out in December.
The students asked for the meeting time to be 16.00-17.00.