

Minutes of meeting in the
Research Committee (Forskningsutvalget)

Date: 23 November 2023
 Time: 13.00 – 15.00
 Place: AHO Board Room
 Participants: Lise Amy Hansen, Tim Anstey, Ute Groba, Nick Walkley, Josina Vink, Jonny Aspen

Notice of absent: Peter Hemmersam
 Head of meeting: Lise Amy Hansen
 Secretary: Reier Møll Schoder
 Copy: Randi Stene, Ulrika Herlofsen

NR AGENDA

54/23 **Approval of agenda**

Resolution:

Agenda 23.11.2023 approved

Potential partiality in cases on the agenda

Jonny Aspen partial in the evaluation of one PhD call in case 56/23

55/23 **Approval of minutes**

Resolution:

Minutes from meeting 19.10.2023 approved

Pro Rector informs FU

- SIKT porteføljestyre - <https://sikt.no/samstyringsmodell/portefoljestyret-forsknings-og-kunnskapsressurser/mote-423-portefoljestyret>
- Research Strategy process update

56/23 **PhD positions 2024**

AHO have received 6 applications for PhD positions by the deadline November 1. All six applications are formally qualified according to the criteria.

The six applications are:

- UL – PhD call: Hydropolis – _Design methodologies for future water-based urban landscapes
- UL – PhD call: Mapping Critical Futures
- UL – PhD call: Peri-urbanity as a socio-spatial phenomenon: Urban living outside the compact city
- DES – Call for research fellow in Systemic Service Design
- DES – Call for research fellow in Design and Aesthetics for Service
- DES - The aesthetics of sustainable products:- Enhancing Aesthetic Consciousness in Industrial Design Education

FU are asked to assess the applications and write a short individual evaluation on all six submitted applications. The evaluation criteria are the following:

- Novelty – in regards to a knowledge gap*
- Originality - in regards to a potential for future studies*
- Ambition – in regards to depth and feasibility*
- Resonance - in regards to significance and ethics*

In addition: the quality of the proposed supervision on experience, fit and relevance.

We may also address the proposal's strategic anchoring, however, from a quality point of view.

FU will write an evaluation of the research quality of each application and send a ranked list to the AHO leader meeting who will decide who and how many positions will be funded in 2024.

Suggested resolution:

FU finds that the following three applications fulfill the quality criteria and recommend them for funding, but they all need some small revisions before being announced.

- *Mapping Critical Futures (UL)*
- *The aesthetics of sustainable products:- Enhancing Aesthetic Consciousness in Industrial Design Education (DES)*
- *Peri-urbanity as a socio-spatial phenomenon: Urban living outside the compact city (UL)*

FU finds that the following two applications fulfill the quality criteria and are recommended for funding, but both need to be revised according to FUs recommendations. The supervision also need clarification to make sure the candidates have a supervisor team that have experience with scoping, wrapping up and completing a PhD at AHO.

- *Design and Aesthetics for Service (DES)*
- *Hydropolis – Design methodologies for future water-based urban landscapes (UL)*

FU finds the following application do not fulfill the quality criteria and are encouraged to reapply next year with a more developed proposal according to FUs recommendations.

- *Investigate Systemic Service Design (DES)*

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(Case number from last meeting)

Orientation: Letter from PhD students regarding annum

The Program Board for the PhD Programme has received a letter from the PhD Group asking to discuss the annum.

The PhD group at AHO would like to raise the question of the annum amount. They would like clarity on what the annum should and should not cover and request an adjustment to the total amount which reflects the actual cost of doing a PhD at AHO in 2023.

Pro-rector informed FU that she has forwarded the annum case to the AHO budget discussion for 2024. The research administration informed that they are starting a process to revise both the annum regulation and the employment regulations for PhD candidates to make sure the annum reflects the needs of doing a PhD in 2023 and also make sure national laws regarding PhD rights are implemented in AHOs regulations and routines.

All AHO PhD students will receive an information mail about the status of these processes before Christmas.

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Information from the PhD Programme

Tim Anstey updates FU on the progress on the action plan for the Program and the supervisor seminar / AHO PhD colloquium.

FU will also be given a draft for a call for a Professor II position in the PhD Program to be discussed.

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Discussion on prioritizations - Research applications

FU are asked to feedback to Pro Rector Lise Amy Hansen on the need to prioritize when the school works competing applications for the same NFR call from AHO. NFR has an increased focus on the institutions making prioritizations in order to reduce their applications. Do we need guidelines for AHO or do we leave it up to institute leaders as they have to support their researchers to apply?

Any Other business

- *The Library informed FU about the deadline for nominating level 1 publication*

channels is Thursday November 30th. For AHO's subject areas there are some level 1 channels that are changed to level 0.

Lise Amy Hansen
Head of FU

Reier Møll Schoder
Secretary