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For the Members of the IT University Board

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MINUTES

Board meeting (extraordinary), February 4, 2015, at 14:00 – 17:00
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Present:

From the Board: Jørgen Lindegaard, Annette Stausholm, David Jay Bolter, Sebastian Büttrich, Vytautas Davidavicius and Gabriele Zeizyte.

From the Executive Management: Mads Tofte, Jørgen Staunstrup and Georg Dam Steffensen.

Others: Head of Department Jens Chr. Godskesen (during item 1-2).

Regrets: Maria Rørbye Rønn, Thomas Hildebrandt and Per Ladegaard.



The minutes taker:
Gitte Gramstrup

The Chairman of the Board welcomed to this extraordinary board meeting which is the last one with participation from provost Jørgen Staunstrup, who is leaving the IT University of Copenhagen by the end of March 2015. The Chairman of the Board thanked Jørgen for his dedicated work and contributions to the university, including Jørgen's always valuable contributions to the discussions at board meetings.

Also, the Chairman of the Board gave the board members regards from Per Ladegaard, who is still ill, but expects to join the board meetings again later this year.

Public items:

1. Approval of minutes (decision)

No comments to the revised minutes, dated December 11, 2014, from the meeting on November 21, 2014, had been received.

Recommendation:

The Executive Management recommended that the minutes be approved.

Conclusion:

The minutes were formally approved.

2. External funding (briefing)

The Chairman of the Board noted that this is an on-going discussion and gave the word to Mads Tofte, who presented Head of Department Jens Chr. Godskesen and asked him to brief the board on the actions taking place in the department in connection to external funding and how to obtain the goals in the development contract.

Jens Chr. Godskesen constructed his presentation around external funding rationale (the IT University of Copenhagen must double its external funding in 2017 – compared to 2013, with the 2013 number being only half of the weighted average for Danish universities); external funding status in 2013 (spending of external funding was low and skewed), the Board's strategic decision in 2014 (to have a "shared responsibility model"); and the implementation process of this choice (presentations, discussions, hearing process regarding a new performance model currently being discussed). Jens Chr. Godskesen rounded his presentation by giving a status on available funding and the already noted positive changes in mentality and focus.

During his presentation Jens Chr. Godskesen answered questions regarding minimum demands (being discussed in the department without any decisions yet) from the board members. He confirmed believing the goals to be reachable in 2017.



The Board found the presented plan to be a good one, and the Chairman of the Board thanked Jens Chr. Godskesen for the presentation.

3. Institutional Accreditation Report (briefing)

Mads Tofte referred to enclosure 1 and Executive Management's comments on the agenda. Both have the purpose of trying to give an impression of how the university is working with this – listed in nine issues. A letter received a week ago from the Danish Accreditation confirmed the list of issues to be the right one. Things have to be implemented in 2015 and documented in 2016, and organizing it all is not an easy task. Some steps have already been taken with things that could not wait. Executive Management had hoped to have the first result agreements with the heads of study programmes (like the ones the heads of departments, heads of sections and Executive Management have), but may have to find another way. Currently there is a discussion with the heads of study programmes on commitment. The Chairman of the Board added that it is not mandatory for universities to have these result agreements, but it would have been nice to have them, because the university has to reach the set goals. If we fail getting the institutional accreditation next year – and not being able to actually making the necessary changes to improve things - it will be to gamble with the future of the university. Mads Tofte stated that work is still needed to get people in gear on the tasks ahead of us, but there is total commitment at management, heads of departments and heads of sections level.

The Chairman of the Board concluded that now the tasks are known. At the coming board meetings Executive Management is expected to give a status in a precise manner (pointing out what is – most - important).

On inquiry from Annette Stausholm regarding the possibility of having a kind of sanity check with the Accreditation Panel during the process, Mads Tofte replied that he will be happy to try, but does not know if this will be possible.

Gabriele Zeizyte asked about Enclosure 1, issue 2 – Diversity of Student Population – and how to measure the success of the stated goals. Mads Tofte agreed that this was a good question, and perhaps some of the wording needs to be changed.

On inquiry from Jay David Bolter, Mads Tofte informed that this is the first institutional accreditation of the IT University of Copenhagen. If things go well in 2016, the next accreditation will probably be in five or six years.

Finally, there was a short discussion on changes at the labour market and present demands for specialists more than generalists. Mads Tofte encouraged not to mainstream everything and to preserve the characteristics of the IT University of Copenhagen. Mads Tofte was still open about changes in the strategy to focus more on specialists, if that seems suitable in the future.



Confidential items:

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Public items:

6. Questions regarding mail-delivered briefings (briefing)

The Chairman of the Board concluded that there were no questions to the mail-delivered briefings.

7. Any Other Business

The Chairman of the Board informed of the signing ceremony in the ministry in January regarding the development contract 2015-2017 and gave a briefing on the minister's statements on the occasion.

Mads Tofte informed of an arrangement/reception for Jørgen Staunstrup on Thursday, March 26, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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