

Minutes of the University of Greenland Board Meeting on 20 September 2016

Participants:

Board Members: Minik Rosing, Karo Thomsen Fleischer, Anne Marie Pahuus, Malan Marnersdóttir, Ross Virginia (participated via Skype), Malik Hegelund Olsen, Flemming Nielsen, Mariia Simonsen, Jakob Søren Thorin, Aqqaluk Lynge Egede, Bolethe Olsen.

Appointees:

Tine Pars, Otto Mikaelsen, Jakku Bregnhøj

Absent with apology: Anne Marie Pahuus

No.	Agenda item	Conclusion/decision
1.	Minik Rosing, chairman of the previous Board, welcomed members and members introduced themselves Appendices: No appendices to this item.	
2.	Language used at board meetings Appendices: No appendices to this item.	The language of the meetings is English with the proviso that members express themselves in the language in which they feel most comfortable. Should interpreting into English be required, the chairman or rector will handle the interpreting.
3.	Approval of agenda Appendices: Submitted proposal for agenda	Agenda was approved. Regarding the follow up on the previous Board's decision in 2015, Bolethe Olsen asked about the status of the campus-process. <i>Agreed:</i> A draft of the description of the campus vision and an outline of the funding possibilities will be prepared for the next meeting by chairman, deputy chairman, and rector.
4.	Appointment of Board and election of chairman and deputy chairman Appendices: No appendices to this item.	Minik Rosing was elected chairman. Karo Thomsen was elected deputy chairman. The Board elected its members and comprises: Minik Rosing, Karo Thomsen Fleischer, Anne Marie Pahuus, Malan Marnersdóttir, Ross Virginia, Malik Hegelund Olsen, Flemming Nielsen, Mariia Simonsen, Jakob Søren Thorin, Aqqaluk Lynge Egede, Bolethe Olsen.
5.	Announcements by the rector Appendices: Announcements by the rector	<u>a. Amendment of the Administration Act:</u> The ministry is in the process of preparing an amendment of the Administration Act. The Board decided to prepare input for the new legislation. Currently the ministry is aiming to arrange a workshop at the beginning of November 2016. <u>b. Preparation for the creation of the natural science programme:</u> <i>Agreed:</i> Tine Pars will send the revised proposal (two-year basic course),

		<p>submitted to the ministry, to the Board.</p> <p>The first proposal submitted to the ministry was a four-year Bachelor programme. The discussion about the reasons for aiming for a four-year Bachelor programme resulted in the decision that the department councils must be asked in general to provide reasons for the length of existing programmes.</p> <p><u>c. Restructuring of the teacher training programme:</u> <i>Agreed:</i> Tine Pars will send EVA's evaluation of the teacher training programme to the Board.</p>
6.	<p>Budget: Budget 2017 and accounts Appendices: Budget and accounts.</p>	<p><u>a. Budget 2017:</u> In the Danish Budget Proposal for 2017, DKK 92,960,000 were reserved compared to the anticipated DKK 94,444,000. This means a saving of DKK 2,018,000. This is due to savings in IT and administration and on teacher training (due to fewer classes being set up). <i>Agreed:</i> The budget for 2017 will be presented and discussed at the next board meeting on 25 November.</p> <p><u>b. Accounts – August 2016:</u> The budget grant for 2016 was DKK 92,730,000. Two additional grants of a total of DKK 1,873,000 were, however, approved by the Parliament of Greenland so that the total budget grant for 2016 was DKK 90,857,000. Accounts to August 2016 show that total expenditure is currently 56% of this grant compared to an anticipated expenditure of 67%. Total underutilisation is DKK 9.9 million and is due to vacancies and further education courses at the Institute of Learning not having been completed. <i>Agreed:</i> A list of all the University of Greenland's external grants will be published annually as part of the annual accounts. Description of the University of Greenland's strategic development pool (usually referred to as the '2% pool') will be sent to the Board.</p>
7.	<p>Decision on position of prorector [Closed item] Appendices: Distributed at the meeting.</p>	<p>Suzanne Møller, head of institute at the Institute of Nursing and Health Science, will be appointed to the position of prorector on 1 November 2016.</p>
8.	<p>Planning of future meetings</p>	<p>Next meeting: 25 November 2016, 11 am – 3 pm Greenland time Meeting dates for 2017: Proposal for four meetings in 2017 is to be sent for approval at the meeting on 25 November.</p>
9.	<p>Meeting with Naalakkersuisoq Nivi Olsen</p>	<p>Nivi Olsen opened the meeting by introducing one of her key issues: The professionalisation of school management through management training. The Board acknowledged her presentation by expressing agreement with focusing on measures to strengthen schools in Greenland. <i>Agreed:</i></p>

		The Board will write a proposal for a mandate to commence work on management development as soon as possible. The mandate will particularly ensure that applicable stakeholders (e.g. functional managers) are involved to ensure ownership of the project formulation and its implementation.
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Summary of decisions, agreements for follow-up and items for the agenda for the next meeting:

Campus- process:

A draft of the description of the campus vision and an outline of the funding possibilities will be prepared for the next meeting by chairman, deputy chairman, and rector.

Preparation for the creation of the natural science programme:

Agreed: Tine Pars will send the revised proposal (two-year basic course), submitted to the ministry, to the Board.

The department councils must be asked in general to provide reasons for the length of existing programmes.

Evaluation of the teacher training course: Tine Pars will send the evaluation to the Board.

Budget: At the next board meeting on 25 November, the budget for 2017 will be presented and discussed. A list of all the University of Greenland's external grants will be published annually as part of the annual accounts. Description of the strategic development pool (usually referred to as the '2% pool') will be sent to the Board.

Prorector: Suzanne Møller, head of institute at the Institute of Nursing and Health Science, will be appointed to the position of prorector on 1 November 2016.

Management development of school managers: The Board will write a proposal for a mandate to commence work on management development as soon as possible.

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