

Date: 24 November 2021 4:15 – 5.00 p.m. (both councils continue with separate meetings)

Place: Fysisk Kantine (1520, 7th floor)

Meeting: Joint Meeting of the Academic Councils at Nat and Tech

Participants: Anne Jensen (AJ/ENVS) – chair for Academic Council at Tech, Tobias Wang (TWA/BIO) – chair for Academic Council at Nat, Kristian Pedersen (KP/Dean Nat), Eskild Holm Nielsen (EHN/Dean Tech), Andreas Basse-O'Connor (ABOC/MATH), Anne Faerch Nielsen (AFN/iNANO-TAP), Camilla Lønborg Nielsen (CLN/ph.d.-stud.), Cathrine Williams (CW/BIO-JRA), Claudia Scheffler (CS/MBG-TAP), Ditlev Egeskov Brodersen (DEB/MBG), Jaco van de Pol (JPO/CS), Jes Enok Steinmüller (JES/stud. Nat), Line Marie Christiansen (LMC/ph.d.-stud. Nat), Maja Lermark Schøn (MLS/stud. Nat), Michael Drewsen (MD/PHYS), Niels Damgaard Hansen (NDH/ADM Nat), Ole Rønø Clausen (ORC/GEO), Rikke Louise Meyer (RLM/iNANO +BiRC), René Gislum (RG/AGRO), Jens Malmkvist (JM/ANIS), Björn Andresen (BJA/ECE), , Hanne Lakkenborg Kristensen (HLM/FOOD), Søren Wandahl (SWA/CAE), Thomas Lykke-Møller Sørensen (TLMS/BCE), Martin Heide Jørgensen (MHJ/MPE), Emre Karaman (EKA/QGG), Ozgenur Coskun (OC/FOOD), Stine Wendelbo BJORHOLM (SWB/TAP-Tech), Stine Munkholm Jespersen (SMJ/stud. Tech), , Mie Lundgaard (MLU/Dean's Office, Tech), Brian Vinter (BVI/Vice Dean Tech), Hanne Vester Rasmussen (HVR/ADM-Tech - virtuelt), Ida Marie Gerdes (IMG/Dean's Office Tech), Astrid Kligen (ARK/Dean's office Nat, minutes)

Cancelations: Marianne F. Løyche (MFL/Dean's Office Nat), Victoria Roose Winkel (VRW/stud. Nat), Bo Brummerstedt Iversen (BBI/CHEM), Katrine Vasegaard (KV/PHYS-TAP); Maria Holst Kjeldsen (MHK/ANIS) (maternity leave); Annette Baattrup-Pedersen (ABP/BIOS), Ahmad Madary (AMA/TAP), Louise Fischer Koue (LFK/TAP) Frederik Both Rokkjær (FBR/stud.)

Minutes

4:15 – 4:20 (5 min.) by chairs

1. Welcome and approval of agenda

AJ and TW welcomed all participants, who presented themselves in a short tour-de-table. The agenda was approved.

4:20– 4:30 (10 min.) by chairs

2. Status after division into two faculties – mutual update

TW introduced the topic by summarizing his own experiences of the transition time after division of the ST Faculty into Nat Faculty and TECH Faculty, paired with starting-up of new Deans and vice-Deans and the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. NAT is in many ways going back to “the old faculty” whilst building a new identity. Sorting things out at the interface of BIO and ECOS has consumed a lot of energy.

AJ supplemented with her experience of more profound changes at TECH, with establishment of several new engineering departments in January 2021, which resulted in many new members of the Academic Council at TECH. In spring 2022 TECH also experienced restructuring and staff cut-downs due to economic challenges.

JM pointed out difficulties with coordinating teaching across NAT and TECH departments.

EHN and KP acknowledged the Academic Councils' experience of division impacts, while highlighting the NNF CO₂-centre as new lighthouse for NAT-TECH-collaboration, and the recently evaluated thematic centres as on-going and successful joint endeavour. In general, both faculties focus strongly on nurturing collaboration in research and teaching.

Kl. 4:30 – 4:55 (25 min.) by all

3. How to ensure and further develop future collaboration between NAT and TECH?

TW and AJ opened the discussion by inviting suggestions for initiatives of the two councils, that could ease cross-faculty collaboration, e. g. concerning grant applications, research projects, teaching). Also, potential new barriers should be pin-pointed.

JM added that there is a need for better communication about courses offered, and better coordination of courses with the students' demands. KP elaborated on the faculties approach to navigating the dilemma between early availability of course plans vs. meeting the students' fluctuating demands.

HLM asks about obstacles for supervision of PhD students across faculty boundaries. EHN states that this issued was solved.

TW asked about experiences with research collaboration. The councils did not pin-point any particular obstacles, but urge the faculty managements to protect the currently supportive conditions for collaboration, i. e. carefully considering the impact of administrative and leadership decisions for cross-faculty collaboration.

AJ asked for suggestion concerning how the Academic Councils could facilitate intensified collaboration. RLM suggested teaming-up for tackling joint challenges, e. g. concerning young researchers' entrepreneurship activities. CW highlighted potential synergies in career development activities and awareness for Junior Researcher issues.

Kl. 4:55 – 5:00 (5 min.) by chairs

4. Next steps and AOB

The councils were asked to consider topics for a potential joint meeting in autumn 2022. Open Science could be a possibility.

Both councils continued with separate meetings after the end of the joint meeting.