

Minutes of meeting in the
Research Committee (Forskningsutvalget)

Date: 28 November 2024
 Time: 13.00 – 15.00
 Place: AHO Board Room
 Summoned: Lise Amy Hansen, Tim Anstey, Mari Lending, Mattias Fredrik Josefsson, Halvor Weider Ellefsen,

Notice of absent: Ute Groba, Håkan Edeholt
 Head of meeting: Lise Amy Hansen
 Secretary: Reier Møll Schoder
 Copy: Ulrika Herlofsen

NR AGENDA

49/24 **Approval of agenda**

Resolution:
Agenda 28.11.2024 approved

Potential partiality in cases on the agenda
Halvor W. Ellefsen is partial in case 51/24
All members are partial or somewhat partial in case 52/24. See case for more information.

50/24 **Approval of minutes**

Resolution:
Minutes from meeting 29.10.2023 approved

Pro Rector informs FU

- Frist for å nominere publiseringskanaler <https://aho.no/no/kalender/frist-nominere-publiseringskanaler-pa-niva-1-nvi>

51/24 **Final Report Tom Davies**

The adjudication committee assessing Tom Davies Trial lecture and defense has handed in their final report.

Resolution
FU take cognizance of the report from the committee and ask Rector to confer Tom Davies the degree of PhD.

52/24 **PhD positions 2025**

AHO have received 9 applications for PhD positions by the deadline November 1.

The nine applications are:

1. ARK - Encircling material values
2. ARK - Ecological and environmental histories of interior occupation
3. ARK - 19th Century Norwegian Architectural History
4. DES – PSSD
5. DES - PhD in Critical Design of Public Service Systems
6. DES - Digital Movement
7. UL - Spaces of care in peri-urban contexts
8. UL. -Designing with Hydrology and Heritage

9. UL - Arctic Urban Space Design Controversies

All FU members were sent the applications 12 November and ask to feedback individually to each call by 21 November. FU was asked to review the calls according to the following evaluation criteria:

- Quality (format and argumentation)
- Feasibility
- Connection to AHO's research environments
- Relevance to strategies per institute, AHO and nationally
- Attractive and clear call for excellent candidates
- Supervisory quality (experience and relevance)

In addition, it was underlined that FU members are not to evaluate calls they are a part of, but that they needed to evaluate calls from the institute they belonged to.

Pro Rector Lise Amy Hansen will share a summary of all evaluations before the meeting that will serve as the basis for the discussion.

FU responsibility is to evaluate the quality of each call as the basis for the decision in the Leader group that will decide which calls that will be funded.

Resolution:

This evaluation process of PhD positions is now in its fourth year, and we are pleased to see that the quality of submitted calls are higher than ever. It is also inspiring to see that FU was sent nine applications this year also a new record in number of applications for PhD positions.

The ranking below is based in the feedback from all FU members both in writing before the meeting as well as the discussion in the meeting.

FU has evaluated the quality of all applications and whilst all formally qualifies, there is a marked variation in the quality of the calls. FU finds that the four first listed applications may be advertised as is and should be prioritized for funding. Should there be an opportunity to fund more calls, the remaining calls would need some revision regarding positioning, scoping and feasibility.

Excellent and fulfilling all evaluations criteria

Encircling Material Values - ARK

Fulfilling all evaluation criteria, with just a few mentions

Arctic Urban Space Design Controversies - UL

Digital Movement for Interaction Design - DES

19th Century Norwegian Architectural History -ARK

Fulfilling all evaluation criteria, yet with some mentions and concerns

Designing with Hydrology and Heritage -UL

Critical Design of Public Service Systems – Addressing Youth Marginalization – DES

Spaces of Care in Peri-Urban Contexts - UL

Ecological and Environmental Histories of Interior Occupation – ARK

Fulfilling all evaluation criteria, yet with several mentions and concerns

Equipping Design Students with Robust Qualitative Research Methods

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Diskusjon: Forskning på AHOs nye nettsider

Pro-rektor Lise Amy Hansen inviterer FU til en diskusjon rundt innholdet på forskningssidene på AHOs nye nettsider. Det er ønskelig med tilbakemeldinger på kategoriseringene som er foreslått i utkastet vedlagt og en diskusjon rundt hvilke typer kriterier som skal ligge til grunn for å passe inn i kategoriene.

Teamleder for kommunikasjon Jeppe Lai deltar også i diskusjonen,

Any Other business

Lise Amy Hansen
Head of FU

Reier Møll Schoder
Secretary