

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting held on April 5, 2016

Location: Petersgraben 45, Meeting room, lower level
Time: 12pm–1pm

Present: David Atwood, Christopher Klenk, Florian Henri Besthorn, Sandro Sieber, Anja Roth, Annette Milnik, Lukas Hohl

Absent: Barbara Heer

Minutes: Patricia Eiche

Agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes from the General Meeting on January 20, 2016
2. News from the project “Introduction of the new employment conditions”
3. SNSF visit to the University of Basel on May 20, 2016
4. avuba event in June 2016
5. News from actionuni – News from actionuni – scientific staff in Switzerland
6. Next avuba General Meeting

Item 1: Approval of the minutes of the General Meeting on January 20, 2016

The minutes of the General Meeting on January 20, 2016, are approved and thanks are expressed.

Item 2: News from the project “Introduction of the new employment conditions”

At the avuba lunchtime meeting on February 25, 2016, Executive Director Christoph Tschumi presented the new concept and answered questions.

On March 1, 2016, avuba members received an email with a link to the [presentation](#) and a list with relevant [contact persons](#).

A list of tasks for the different assistant salary grades (doc 1, doc 2, and postdocs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) will be compiled for each department by the end of April 2016. In May 2016, the job descriptions will be put to the departments for approval and adjusted accordingly. In July 2016, the future salary costs will be calculated together with the budget for 2017. The new job contracts will be drawn up from October 2016 and communicated with the assistants. Assistants have the right to maintain the status quo, which means that every assistant can choose whether he or she wishes to accept the new contract or to stay on his or her “track”. In concrete terms, this means that an assistant can also choose to renew an existing contract that expires in 2017, for example.

In May 2016, an avuba delegation will meet with Christoph Tschumi and Ulrich Pfister to resolve any open questions and clarify any uncertainties. All issues that are sent to avuba@unibas.ch by May 6, 2016 can be discussed in the meeting.

Item 3: SNSF visit to the University of Basel on May 20, 2016

The Swiss National Science Foundation will be in the great hall in the Kollegienhaus on May 20, 2016, between 10am–12pm to talk about its future strategy (SNSF Multi-Year Programme 2017–2020). A number of the new measures are problematic for assistants. For example, the discontinuation of Doc.Mobility fellowships, and the four-year rule that restricts the potential funding that doctoral students can receive from the SNSF in project funding to four years from the time of matriculation. According to Vice Rector Professor Ed Constable, it is important that as many assistants as possible attend the SNSF event on May 20, 2016, to share their concerns with the SNSF in person. For this reason, the avuba co-presidium will draft a position paper by the end of April for the avuba executive board. A link to the final version together with information about the event should be sent to avuba members in mid-May.

Item 4: avuba event in June 2016

The avuba executive board has decided to organize an avuba networking event in the reading period in June 2016. A one-hour city tour followed by a barbecue at the skuBAR is planned. avuba members will be sent details in due course and will be given the opportunity to reserve up to two places.

Item 5: News from actionuni – scientific staff in Switzerland

Addendum to the executive board meeting on April 5, 2016:

actionuni (the association for teaching and research assistants in Switzerland) met with the President of swissuniversities, Professor Michael Haengartner, and concluded an agreement about regular exchanges and close cooperation.

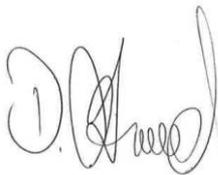
The actionuni delegate conference took place on April 6, 2016, in Bern, and the actionuni strategy and mission statement were passed. Florian Besthorn did not present himself for re-election. In his place, Florian Lippke (Université de Fribourg) was elected to the executive board and to the co-presidium as universities representative.

The avuba will remain a member until further notice.

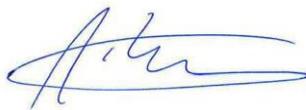
Item 6: Next avuba Executive Board Meeting

The next meeting will likely take place in August or September 2016.

Basel, April 11, 2016



David Atwood



Lukas Hohl