Meeting Date: 2 September at 13.00 – 15.00
Meeting Place: 1115-151B
Meeting Subject: Department Forum

Attendees: David Olagnier, Lasse Sommer Kristensen, Lone Dahl Thomsen, Julie Feld Madsen, Lone Tjener, Kim Henningsen, Pilar Stella, Morten Pless, Sebastian Frische, Sune Keidser-Nilsson, Susie Mogensen, Søren Degn, Yonglun Luo (Alun), Hande Login, Kathryn Weyer, Jens Leipziger, Thomas G. Jensen, Annemarie Lai

Visit from: Line Rønn, Simon Byrial Fischel

Absent: Jean Farup, Klaus Eyer

Agenda:

1. Welcome and approval of the agenda
2. Visit from Line Rønn and Simon Byrial Fischel: Using strategic storytelling in communication
3. News from Head of Department Thomas G. Jensen
4. News from members of Department Forum
5. Department Day, evaluation
6. Any other business

1. Agenda was approved and round of presentation
2. We have invited Line to get input on how to tell stories about the department and what we are doing here.

   Find out what appeals to people, use storytelling to appeal to most people. People connect to actual people.

   Why (know your errand), who (know your audience), what (narrow down your message), how (framing the message). Important to follow the steps in this order.

3. The new neuro-center: The plan is that André Fischer is going to be the head of the center. It may start 1 January 2027 –if the application will be accepted by The Lundbeck Foundation.

   A new Laureate professor may come from New York: the name is still confidential, new collaboration possibilities (ion transport and immunology)

We may have fewer medical students at some point. How much fewer, and when, is not clear.
There may be a new education in translational medicine. The hope is to start within one or two years.

Thomas would like to start a dialogue about use of the labs.

We have advertised two new faculty positions. There is a lot of interest, and it may take up to six months to reach a decision.

Rwanda collaboration: Professor Per Kallestrup from the faculty is going to work there for 5 years and establish the Global Health Hub and from there facilitate the cooperation.

4. This point will be a standing item on the agenda going forward and can be addressed on the day of the meeting.
   If anyone has anything they would like to have on the agenda before the meeting, they can send it to Annemarie who will then present it to Thomas, Morten og Lasse when the agenda is being prepared.
   Lasse mentioned that The Department Forum earlier discussed that not all subjects would be relevant to discuss but that inputs are more than welcome.

5. There was in general positive feedback regarding the visit from Chris McDonald and the workshops that generated interesting talks and discussion afterwards.

   There were some misunderstandings about the poster session. It was suggested that there should be diplomas for the winners of the poster session.
   Many found that the award ceremony was too late, not a lot of people attended.
   Sebastian talked about Biomedicine Impact Day coming up on 9 November and suggested that it should be part of The Department Day in the future.

   Alun suggested that we invite alumni to be part of The Department Day.

6. Nothing to discuss.
   Next meeting: Thursday 3 December at 13.00 – 15.00.