

Generalforsamling Dansk Selskab for Europaforskning (DSE) 2020, Sønderborg

Minutes from the Danish European Community Studies Association General Assembly

The agenda was send out Friday 2nd October 2020 by Caroline de la Porte, president. The general assembly (GA) was held 9th October 2020, 14:00 to 14:45 in Sønderborg, SDU.

Participants (physically or via Zoom): Dorte J. Andersen, Angela Bourne, Manuel Citi, Sevasti Chatzopoulou, Juan Antonio Mayoral Diaz-Asensio, Søren Dosenrode (referee), Mads Dagnis Jensen , Caroline de la Porte, Anita Nissen, Ulla Neergaard (Law), Trine Pernille Larsen (FAOS), Christine Nissen (DIIS)

Agenda for the General Assembly

1. Welcome and constituting the General Assembly, Caroline de la Porte.

Caroline de la Porte opened the GA, and suggested that we should swiftly move to point two on the agenda, as Mads Dagnis Jensen had to teach within 20 minutes.

2. Annual accounts, Mads Dagnis Jensen

There had been a tiny overspending the last year due to a seminar for PhD's and Post-docs, but in general the economy is healthy.

Mads explained that it could take some time to change the access of the DSE-account to the new president and cashier, so it was decided, that he kept the access until it was practically possible to pass it on, probably by the end of October.

The outgoing president also promised to hand over 'nem-id' etc. to the incoming president ASAP.

The account was accepted, and Mads was thanked warmly for his great efforts over the years! Mads also resigned from the DSE board.

3. Status about the Sønderborg conference, Dorte Jagetic Andersen.

There was a general agreement that the conference had been a huge success and Dorte was thanked warmly by Caroline and Sevie.

According to Dorte it was still too early to draw lessons (and she felt too worn out☺) still it was worth noting that a mixed 'physical-online' conference does work, but also that the online approach cannot substitute the physical meeting. She considered evaluating the experiences in writing, on a later stage.

4. Position for coordinating early career scholars, Anita Nissen

There had been some communication problems, which lead Anita to consider her position. But the GA was very pleased with her work, and she was asked to continue.

Anita asked for a list of PhD-students and Post-docs working with EU related matters; all agreed at Sevie promised to coordinate.

5. Handover of the board to the new chair and new members of the board

The new presidency was constituted as follows:

Sevasti Chatzopoulou, president

Søren Dosenrode, vice-president & secretary

Daniel Finke, cashier

Caroline de la Porte who also resigned as a member of the board was thanked warmly for her four years as president of DSE!!

6. Next annual conference: to be discussed.

University of Copenhagen is – in principle – willing to host. KU has a number of relevant department (History, Law, Sociology), and Juan volunteered to coordinate together with Sevie.

Timeframe: same as this year week 41, before the autumn holiday and after the semester start rush.

7. AOB

a) Dorte told about unforeseen costs due to Corona e.g. food for speakers who could not come, extra expenses due to online-transmission. This was on the other hand weighed up by refunded hotel costs. Dorte asked the DSE to cover eventual deficits. The GA was positive.

The costs that were expected for the keynote speaker were not used due to the online talk.

b) Caroline oriented about the hacking of the DSE homepage. Søren told that the new presidency had had a brief discussion with a two level set up: a) AAU will set up a not that active, traditional homepage, including e.g. foundation, contact information, members of the board, links to ECSA, link to / information about next annual conference, and b) a Facebook page for interaction, sharing of news and articles. However, it is up to the board to discuss and decide.

Søren also proposed an online, peer-reviewed, open access 'Nordic Journal for European Studies', now that the different Nordic European Studies Associations will begin cooperation. Of course, it will be up to the board to decide on this.

8. Closing of the General Assembly

Caroline closed the GA in a positive, forward looking way, and was applauded.

Referee,

Søren Dosenrode

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