Focus areas of the Faculty of Social Sciences 2015

For the implementation of "Strategy for the Faculty of Social Sciences 2012-16", UCPH’s plans/targets

The focus areas have been discussed by the Academic Council and by the Faculty Collaboration Committee and subsequently decided by the Faculty Management Team (FLT).

Quality of education and studies

- Initiatives to strengthen the possibilities of employment of the finished candidates, including initiatives to strengthen innovation and entrepreneurship as well as external cooperation in education
- Initiatives for increased study activity
- Continued strengthening of quality assurance and preparation of institutional accreditation
- Strengthening of the formal and informal contacts between students and academic staff

Research quality

- Planning of the research assessment 2015/16, including update of CURIS
- Prioritizing of special areas of focus and excellence (a.o. with regard to increased external funding and interdisciplinary initiatives)
- Initiate the 3+5 PhD programme

Dissemination and external relations

- Implementation of the Faculty’s stakeholder plan regarding increased cooperation and dialogue with the Faculty’s most important stakeholders *
- Implementation of the Faculty’s ”Public policy strategy” regarding strengthened contact to “policy makers” and creation of formal partnerships with policy organisations*
- Development of the Faculty’s external communication

Cooperation and interdisciplinarity

- Implementation of “SAMF på tværs”; regarding increased interdisciplinary activities – within research as well as education*
- Establishment of new large, primarily externally funded interdisciplinary /multidisciplinary research projects/centres
- Common course activities (quantitative methods, Big Data, experimental methods etc.)

Recruitment and talent development

- Streamlining and development of recruitment and employment processes of scientific staff
- Strengthening of career guidance and ”placement” service for PhD-students and postdoc.

Administration and management

- Development and streamlining of budgeting and follow-up
- Development and streamlining of study administration and student advisory services in the light of the new external framework conditions
- Strengthening of staff involvement and participation in the decision processes and clearer communication of management decisions and prioritizations (internal communication)

*The initiative will soon be described in detail in the Faculty’s newsletter ”SAMF-Nyt”