

To

The senior management team + student organisations + the Main Liaison Committee (HSU)

Consultation on proposal to split the Faculty of Science and Technology

On 25 April 2019, a proposal was submitted to the Aarhus University Board on splitting Science and Technology (ST) into two faculties. The Board endorsed commencement of a process with a view to a final decision on splitting ST at the board meeting on 7 June. As planned, the proposal will therefore be submitted to the university for consultation.

The enclosed proposal to split ST has been drawn up after in-depth discussions between myself, the Dean's Office and the heads of department at ST. I have also visited all departments and department-like centres at ST, and I have presented the proposal and spoken with the staff. Before submitting the proposal to the Board, it was also discussed by the faculty management team at ST.

Today, ST accounts for 45% of the university's turnover, and with the university's strategic initiatives on growth within engineering in particular, this percentage will increase in the years to come. The arguments for the split are that:

- 1) The continued development of the two faculties will be ensured through increased management power and presence.
- 2) External visibility of the engineering area will be enhanced.
- 3) A better balance between the university faculties will be secured, and the split will ensure that five equal faculties in terms of volume are represented in the senior management team.

It is proposed to split ST into two equivalent faculties with regard to finances, staffing and educational responsibility. The proposal takes into account the performance of tasks and it respects academic identities and their interplay. Existing collaborations across the departments will be maintained, and the proposal will prevent barriers to continuing and expanding the collaboration.

A working group has been set up at ST to analyse the financial situation up until June 2019, and to suggest how the split of the finances between the two faculties is to be carried out. The working group will also estimate the costs of the split and make financing proposals.

The consultation entails:

That all departments, units as well as the academic councils at ST, the administrative centre, the Dean's Office, the Faculty Liaison Committee, the FAMU, the boards of studies and the students are involved in the consultation process. That the local liaison committees at the departments and in the administrative centre will be consulted, as will the departmental forums.

That the three other faculties will be asked to ensure involvement of relevant parties in the consultation process, including the faculty management team, the academic councils and the liaison committees.

That the administration will be asked to ensure involvement of the administration's management team (LEA) and the administration's liaison committee (ASU).

The Main Liaison Committee (HSU) will also be involved.

Similarly, the student organisations will be consulted.

Later today, the proposal and the above process description will be uploaded to <http://scitech.medarbejdere.au.dk/proces-for-fremtidig-organisering-af-st/>

Deadline for consultation responses is 12.00 noon on Monday 20 May.

For the further process, the faculties and the administrations should gather the consultation responses and submit them together.

Consultation responses should be sent to the undersigned at rektorsthoering@au.dk.

After the consultation process, the proposal will be discussed and adjusted by the senior management team with a view to a final decision on the split of ST into two new faculties by the Board on 7 June 2019. If the Board approves the proposal, a number of working groups will be set up at ST in the autumn to submit proposals for future administrative support for the two new faculties.

Kind regards,

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