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For the Members of the Employers' Panel Games, IT University of Copenhagen

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Employers' Panel Meeting Games - minutes

February 10 2022, at 16:00 – 19:00

Room 3A20 IT University of Copenhagen, Rued Langgaards Vej 7, 2300 Kbh S.

PARTICIPANTS

From the Employers' Panel: Jonathan Bonillas, Adam Mechtley, Christos Iosifidis, Marina Surdu, and Anders Tankred.

From the IT University of Copenhagen: Lone Malmborg, Pernille Rydén, Martin Pichlmair, Hanna Wirman, and Eva Hauerslev.

Absent: Astrid Refstrup, Simon Jon Andreasen, Kelly Griffin, Rob Pearce, Hannah Nicklin, Camilla Rosengaard.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and round of introduction

Martin Pichlmair welcomed the panel and participants from ITU. The members introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Information: Update on the programme

As there are new panel members, Martin Pichlmair first and foremost presented the history of the programme and the programme objectives.

Martin Pichlmair continued with presenting news and challenges in the programme:

- ITU currently has an acting Vice Chancellor until there is a permanent new Vice Chancellor

- The games industry has shown a lot of growth and consolidation in Denmark
- ITU is formulating a new framework contract with the government

A panel member asked if the student number will grow. Martin Pichlmair replied that the programme is under dimensioning so not now. If employment numbers change, we might be able to grow. This depends on the employment numbers.

Martin Pichlmair continued with presenting news and challenges:

- The Games group have been in the local media a lot recently
- Summer/Winter Games streaming have been internationally successful
- Course evaluations are high and mostly very good
- The tech track has more diversity than ever. We have been working actively for this.
- There is new energy; returning to campus and the addition of the study lab has greatly helped with making and keeping a community of learners during trying times. COVID put a lot of strain on students as well as faculty with online teaching, families at home, and many coordination meetings. Faculty has handled hybrid and online teaching very well.

A panel member asked if the programme would accept ideas for teaching activities and subjects. Martin Pichlmair replied that members are very welcome to suggest topics, which then will be considered for curriculum development. Then the participants discussed various relevant topics and then agreed that panel members will email ideas and teacher suggestions to Martin Pichlmair.

4. Brainstorming: New initiatives for collaborations

Hanna Wirman introduced the item by given an overview of the ways the programme works with employers (non-exhaustive):

- Research collaboration
- Student project collaborations
- Direct industry involvement in teaching
- Supporting event organising and co-hosting
- Student work promotion and dissemination
- Advise, mentoring and informal supervision arrangements
- The use of local and global experiences and reports as part of teaching

Martin Pichlmair added that this topic could be discussed in the fall workshop.

A panel member suggested to have a Discord channel, where industry people could reply to select questions from students. Another idea is to set up a recurrent meeting with somebody in companies to learn about what is happening right now – could just be a short meeting.

Another panel member underlined that alumni network is important. Not only when they just graduated, and they need help to get into the industry, but also over the years.

5. Brainstorming: The Employers' Panel Report

Martin Pichlmair presented the report template on behalf of the Chair, who was absent. The panel agreed to make final comments via email.

Rounding up the item, some panel members suggested to join in on some classes to understand what is going on in the programme. That could really qualify their input.

6. Any other business

Martin Pichlmair thanked the Employers' Panel Games for their valuable input to the various topics brought forward at the meeting.

Next meeting will be the Employers' Panel Workshop in September or October.