

Dear students and employees,

The Board of Directors at Metropolitan University College and University College Capital have officially approved the merger between the two organisations. Effective from 1 March 2018, Metropolitan University College and University College Capital will be one organisation. We have a formal approval of the merger pending at the Ministry of Higher Education and Science.

The new university college will be named 'University College Copenhagen', and in Danish 'Københavns Professionshøjskole'. The current Vice-Chancellor of Metropolitan University College, Stefan Hermann, will be appointed as the new Vice-Chancellor of University College Copenhagen. He will be formally appointed on 1 March 2018. The office of the vice-chancellor will be at Campus Carlsberg.

The current Vice-Chancellor of University College Capital, Laust Joen Jakobsen, will continue as Vice-Chancellor until 1 March 2018. From 1 March 2018, Laust Joen Jakobsen will assist in key areas in the merger process.

'I am happy that we can continue with the merger. We have created a solid foundation for the new organisation and we will create an educational institution with strong ties to the surrounding community for the benefit of the whole region. It will be a completely new university college, taking the best parts from both Metropolitan University College and University College Capital and using it as its foundation' says Laust Joen Jakobsen

'I take on the job as Vice-Chancellor of University College Copenhagen with a deep respect for both organisations and a willingness to create a new, shared organisation. This new, shared organisation will be an important agent in the education sector – not just within the Capital Region but nationwide. As part of the process, I will put a big effort into educating myself on the environment, the employees and the professional standards of University College Capital. Another high priority is to make sure that the employees and students are an integrated part of developing the new organisation' says Stefan Hermann

The process

The process of merging the two organisations starts now. Before 1 March 2018, a number of administrative, economic, organisational and managerial structures have to be further uncovered, specified and determined. The development and structuring of the educational areas will follow simultaneously. Until then, the existing campuses and administrative work places will continue as normal.

Temporary organisational structure, steering committee and board

From 1 March 2018, an interim board of directors will be established consisting of members from both Metropolitan University College and University College Capital. The interim board of directors will be in function until 1 May 2018 when a new and formal board of directors will be established.

To insure a smooth merger, a work group led by the two Vice-Chancellors will be established. The existing steering committee will continue its work until 1 March 2018. One board member from each board will be added to the steering committee. An additional employee and a student will also be appointed. Both will be appointed by the expert monitoring group. The expert monitoring group will also continue its work. However, both the steering committee and the expert monitoring group will continue with a different mandate.

Press release

Metropolitan University College and University College Capital have issued a press release concerning the merger.

Read the press release with quotes from both Chairmen of the Boards:

<http://fusionsinfo.dk/nyheder/pressemeddelelse-metropol-og-ucc-fusionerer/>

Read more about the merger at fusionsinfo.dk <http://fusionsinfo.dk/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Fusionsgrundlag.pdf>