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## From 1 March 2018, Metropolitan University College and University College Capital will merge into a new organisation

The Boards of Directors of Metropolitan University College and University College Capital have formally approved the terms of the merger, which will function as the framework for a new shared university college in the Copenhagen Region. The new university college will be named 'University College Copenhagen' ('Københavns Professionshøjskole'). The new organisation will become one of the biggest higher education institutions in Denmark with approximately 20,000 students.

This week, in their own respective board meetings, Metropolitan University College and University College Capital have formally decided to merge the two organisations. The new university college will formally be effective from 1 March 2018 subject to the formal approval of the merger by the Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Science.

*"I am pleased and confident with the decision [to merge]. The decision is built on a thorough preparation process across Metropolitan University College and University College Capital. We can finally begin on the actual work - to unite our organisations and create a new, strong culture"* said Carsten Kock, Chairman of the Board of University College Capital.

Effective from 1 March 2018, a new interim Board of Directors will be established consisting of members from the existing boards of Metropolitan University College and University College Capital. The interim Board of Directors will function up to 1 May 2018 when a new permanent Board of Directors will be appointed. The Vice-Chancellor of Metropolitan University College, Stefan Hermann, has been appointed the new Vice-Chancellor of the new organisation, University College Copenhagen.

*"The new university college will be a beacon in the Danish education sector. In close collaboration with society, the combined capacity of University College Metropolitan and University College Capital will create a stronger study environment, which will set new standards for professional bachelor's education, research, development, and continuing education. It is a vision and a commitment we shake hands on to undertake together"* said René van Laer, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Metropolitan University College.

In a joint statement, the two Vice-Chancellors, Laust Joen Jakobsen of University College Capital and Stefan Hermann of Metropolitan University College, said: *"The approval of the terms of the merger is the starting signal to begin the process of creating a strong culture in the new organisation. The terms of the merger create a solid framework for the next steps in founding a new, strong university college in Copenhagen. We want it to be experimental and agenda setting in order to face the future challenges of the welfare state in a qualified and offensive manner"*

## About Metropolitan University College

Metropolitan University College has approximately 9,800 students spread across 17 professional bachelor's degree programmes. In addition, Metropolitan University College has approx. 1,300 students and course participants enrolled in continuing education programmes. Metropolitan University College has approx. 1,000 employees.

## About University College Capital

University College Capital has approximately 8,400 students spread across 7 professional bachelor's degree programmes. In addition, UCC has approx. 1,900 students and course participants enrolled in continuing education programmes. UCC has approx. 1,000 employees.

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You can read more on the terms of the merger, including communication to students and employees in the documents below (in Danish):