

To the members of
CAS Study Board (2019)
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Associate Professor Stig Jensen
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MINUTES

18 NOVEMBER 2019

Forum CAS study board

Meeting date Monday 28 October 2019; 13-15

Place 6B-0-36

Minutes-taker Maj-Britt Johannsen

Present

Karen Lauterbach (chair, associate professor), Stig Jensen (associate professor), Ra-Iey Samson Bobosha (vice chair, student representatives) and Maj-Britt Johannsen (director of studies and secretary).

Agenda

1) Approval of the agenda

The Study Board approved the agenda.

2) Approval of the minutes from the last study board meeting

The Study Board approved the agenda.

The Chair and the Vice Chair should return after the last meeting regarding the scope of the thesis after the new rules. TEO is maintaining the current requirements for the scope. CAS decides to lower the lower limit to 100,000 characters, and will maintain the upper limit of 180,000 characters, once the new thesis rules become effective. This revision must with the other revisions, which were adopted on the Study Board meeting 30 September under point 6), be put in the revised Study Curriculum that applies from 1 September 2020.

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As a follow up on the last meeting it were decided, that teachers or the Head of Study Board should have a meeting with the Director of Studies to decide on a process for appointing thesis advisors to students doing internship/field study and writing thesis.

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3) Urgent applications processed since last meeting

No applications.

4) Applications for dispensation and credit transfer

No applications.

5) Information: cover letter for teaching requisition for coming academic year

The Study Board had a correction for the Cover letter for teaching requisition for the coming academic year 2020-21: 1 May is no longer a public holiday at UCPH.

6) Information on minor issues

a) Study Board Conference

Head of Study Board informed that UCPH is inviting to a Study Board Conference Monday 18 November; 11:30-16:00. Head of Study Board encouraged the members of the Study Board to attend. Head of Study Board is unfortunately not able to attend. The Study Board Secretary will forward the invitation and the agenda to the members of the Study Board, once this is received.

b) Illegal sharing of online study books

Head of Study Board informed about an inquiry from an interest organisation “Os der elsker viden”, who draws attention to a trial where judgment has been given for illegal sharing of study books. The interest organisation is worried that many students are not aware of the rules and encourage the Study Boards to inform the students. Ra-Iey Samson Bobosha says, that the librarian on the faculty has informed about the rules, but that the rules are difficult to remember, as they are complicated. Ra-Iey Samson Bobosha will take the

inquiry to the Studnet Council. The Study Board Secretary will forward the inquiry to the librarians, who should be aware of the issue, and ask them to contact the AC-counsellor if they conclude, that it should be brought up in the study start.

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7) Point of discussion raised on behalf of the Head of Studies (CSJ)

In the absence of the Head of Studies, the Head of Study Board informed under this point.

Feedback

On a meeting the teaching group has discussed feedback to the students. A lot of the feedback is determined in the Study Curriculum, so it is fixed how the feedback form should be filled in for these courses. For this reason the teaching group has together filled in the feedback form in the course descriptions for all the mandatory courses and will also look at the thematic courses.

Reception in the “water hole”

There will be held a reception in the “water hole” on the occasion of the launching of the photography collection on Thursday 31 October at 17:00.

8) Points of discussion raised on behalf of MA students (Student Representatives)

Student Representative Ra-Iey Samson Bobosha has become a member of the Student Council and the Library Committee . He informed, that The Royal Library will be getting a new library search-system on 19 November 2019, and the same day REX will close. This means, that during 15 to 18 November it will not be possible to borrow or deliver books at The Royal Library.

The Student Council has elected a new board, and African Studies has now two seats in the council instead of one. The other seat is not occupied. Students from African Studies has applied for funding from the council for a party on 8 November in the TEO-bar and for a combined Christmas lunch/cottage trip in December.

As a follow up on the last meeting it was decided, that four students from African Studies meets with the Head of Study Board to discuss how to get more focus on African history, either in the teaching or by organizing seminars with focus on African history.

9) Point of discussion raised on behalf of the student counsellor

Nothing came up.

10) Other business

Nothing came up.