

To the members of  
CAS Study Board (2019)  
Student Representative Georgina Nabwire Mwachiru  
Student Representative Joseph Curran  
Associate Professor Stig Jensen  
Associate Professor Karen Lauterbach



## MINUTES

6 MAY 2019

**Forum** CAS study board

**Meeting held** Monday 6 May 2019; 13:30-15:30

**Place** 6B-0-36

**Minutes-taker** Mette Juhl Vedel

**THE STUDY BOARD AT THE CENTRE  
OF AFRICAN STUDIES**

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### Present

Karen Lauterbach (chair, associate professor), Stig Jensen (associate professor), Maj-Britt Johannsen (director of studies), Carsten Selch Jensen (head of studies), Joseph Curran (student representative) and Mette Juhl Vedel (secretary). During item 1 Bente Stallknecht (Prorector) and Søren Vernegren Kirk (administrative officer) participated in the meeting.

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### Agenda

#### Ad 1) Prorector visiting – 13:30-14:30

##### The study board's presentation:

Karen Lauterbach and Joseph Curran presented the MA programme and the Centre of African Studies.

The study board stressed that the teachers prioritise supervision and the personal meeting between student and teacher. Furthermore, the board highlighted fieldwork and internship in the third semester as a good opportunity for the students.

The study board also mentioned that international students experience challenges in getting jobs in organisations in Denmark.

Here, the university could work on facilitating international students' ways into the Danish labour market.

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Furthermore, the study board mentioned the reduced length of the thesis period as a challenge.

The Prorector's presentation:

The Prorector is visiting every study board at UCPH in order to get to know the study boards and the studies and in order to tell about her visions.

The Prorector stressed the importance of educating students for the future.

The Prorector presented the projects in the new Strategy 2023 where she is involved:

- Research-integrating teaching activities
- Digitalisation of study programmes
- VIP career development
- International partnerships

Furthermore the Prorector mentioned the flexible university programmes for the future, the new administrative platform for studies, the new framework for 30 ECTS master theses, the study environment and students' wellbeing, feedback as a new field in the course descriptions (kurser.ku.dk) and UCPH Innovation and Entrepreneurship (I&E).

**Ad 2) Approval of the agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**Ad 3) Approval of the minutes from the last study board meeting and item 6 from the study board meeting 11 March**

The minutes from the meetings in April and March were approved.

**Ad 4) Urgent applications processed since last meeting**

The study board had decided to approve two applications for dispensation to postpone the thesis deadline due to special circumstances.

**Ad 5) Applications for dispensation and credit transfer**

- a. The study board approved one application for dispensation to postpone the thesis deadline due to special circumstances.
- b. The study board approved one application for preapproval of credit transfer on the condition that the student sends a

confirmation from the course instructor that the topic of the exam is somehow related to African Studies.

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**Ad 6) Information: Study start (guide + programme)**

Since the study start programme was not finished yet, the item was postponed until the study board meeting in June.

**Ad 7) Review of study information at KUnet – pages: Study start**

The study board went through the study information *Study Start – Before you start* and *Study start - Living in Denmark* at KUnet.

The study board had several minor corrections to the pages. Furthermore, the study board requested to have a new section added to *Study start – Living in Denmark – Housing* where new students can find information about looking for housing via the CAS student group at Facebook.

**Ad 8) Information on minor issues**

Nothing came up.

**Ad 9) Point of discussion raised on behalf of the Head of Studies (CSJ)**

Nothing came up.

**Ad 10) Points of discussion raised on behalf of MA students (Student Representatives)**

Nothing came up.

**Ad 11) Point of discussion raised on behalf of the student counsellor**

Nothing came up.

**Ad 12) Other business**

Nothing came up.