

Study Board CAS



MINUTES

1 JUNE 2022

Forum Study Board CAS

Meeting held 1 June 2022

Place 6B-0-36, Faculty of Theology

Minute taker Stephan Reinemer

Present

Associate Professor Stig Jensen (chair), Assistant Professor Toke Møldrup Wolff, Student Representative Simona Bianchi (from item 10), Head of Studies Marlene Ringgaard Lorensen, Study Board Secretary Stephan Reinemer

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Agenda

Ad 1) Approval: Agenda

The Study Board approved the suggested agenda for the meeting. The Board noted that there was no quorum since no students was present. This means that the Board was not able to finalize decisions.

Ad 2) Approval: Minutes (chair) - annex 1

The Study Board approved the minutes from the last study board meeting, April 2022

Ad 3) Discussion: Matters arisen from approval of minutes (sec.)

The Study Board discussed status of items decided on last meeting.

Ad 4) Approval: Applications to the Study Board

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The Study Board processes applications to the Study Board. Closed session. No cases at present.

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Ad 5) Discussion: Applications processed since last meeting

The Study Board was informed of urgent applications processed by sub-committee since last meeting.

Ad 6) Study Start 2022

An outline of the program was presented as hand-out.

The Board noted that a repeat trip to Aarhus as last year was planned – which was a great success. However, remarked that since last year's trip had a specific focus for an art exhibition with an African focus.

The Board suggested that another venue might be more academical relevant - Malmö and/or Lund and Hamburg/Berlin was mentioned.

Ad 7) Discussion: Exceeding the standard study time

The Board discussed stats for actual completion times across UCPH and for programmes at the faculty.

In general, the Board found that CAS has a critical issue in this regard.

The Board discussed the set-up of the thesis seminars, and whether a more rigid and mandatory time schedule (handed in with the thesis contract) would help.

It was also suggested that an annulment of feed-back and guidance after the first attempt could give momentum to the first thesis contract.

Ad 8) Discussion: The Annual Internationalization report - Annex 3 (in Danish)

The Study Board discussed the annual internationalization report. The current agreements with other universities and external partners were outlined.

Former agreements with other universities have been closed when they were not in use by students.

Continued development of contacts in Africa was also mentioned.

Ad 9) Process of start credit (MA)

The Board was informed of the process for mandatory credit at enrolment.

Ad 10) UMV results (every 3 years) - annex 4

The Board discussed the Study Environment Survey 2021.

The Student Counselling Service offer of common guidance should be more widely known. Information should be available/repeated after the Study Start.

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More feedback from teachers is sought by the students.

Issues with navigating Absalon are addressed by the faculty with current seminars and guidelines to achieve a common standard.

Ad 11) Information on minor issues

None

Ad 12) Point of discussion raised by the Head of Studies

A new experiment is under way with thesis written in cooperation with external partners.

Ad 13) Point of discussion raised on behalf of the student counsellor

Simona Bianchi has just begun in the role as student counsellor for CAS.

Ad 14) Study Board Calendar & Annual Cycle (secr.) - annex 5

The Study Board visited the board calendar.

Regarding meeting dates for the Autumn 2022 it was decided that the first meeting will be 24 August 2022, 10 am – 12 pm. The rest of the meetings will be scheduled on the next meeting.

Ad 15) Other business