

Study Board, CAS



MINUTES

4 FEBRUARY 2022

Forum Study Board, CAS

Meeting held 4 February 2022

Place Online

Minute taker Stephan Reinemer

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

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2300 KØBENHAVN S

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Present

Associate Professor Stig Jensen (chair), Student Representative Glen Michael Ansorger, Assistant Professor Toke Møldrup Wolff, Head of Studies Marlene Ringgaard Lorensen, Director of Studies Maj-Britt Johannsen, Study Board Secretary Stephan Reinemer

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Agenda

Ad 1) Approval: Agenda (chair)

The Board approved the suggested agenda for the meeting (chair)

Ad 2) Approval: Minutes (chair)

The Board approved the minutes from the last study board meeting, December 2021

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

The Board discussed status of items decided on last meeting and noted that a status regarding the process and digitalization of Course evaluations will be given on the next meeting in March.

Ad 4) Approval: Applications to the Study Board (sec)

The Board processed applications to the Study Board in a closed session.

The secretary will send a draft ruling to the chairs for final approval.

Ad 5) Discussion: Applications processed since last meeting (sec.)

The Board is informed of urgent applications processed by sub-committee since last meeting, mostly annulments of exam attempts and prolongment of thesis deadline. At the time of the meeting there was no exam complaint or cases of plagiarism.

Ad 6) Discussion: Recruitment strategy (chair/adm.)

Item was postponed to next meeting in March

Ad 7) Discussion: Courses in cooperation with other programmes (chair/adm.)

The Board was informed of the status of cooperation with other programmes and UCPH

Director of Studies informed that from CAS has had 3-5 students visiting from Political Science the last semesters.

Now CAS has a cooperation with Global Development which has also brought students from that programme.

The conclusion is that cooperation brings more students from other programmes.

Stig informed of another possible cooperation with a former student at CAS, who are now employed at another programme.

The Head of Studies stipulated that cooperation is something that has the full backing of the faculty, and that any need for support from the faculty leadership is welcomed.

Ad 8) Discussion: Changes to curriculum

The Board had an initial discussion as to whether changes to the curriculum should be prepared. Suggested changes / development plans of the curriculum should be announced to the Dean, with a time plan for the Deans final approval in February the following year (for implementation in September the same year).

The Board found no need for changes at this time.

Ad 9) Discussion: Conversion of credits for students

The Board was informed of the work for a common practice for converting credits into ECTS across UCPH, making it easier for students to apply for pre-approval of courses for studies abroad.

The board was grateful for the information and thanked the work group.

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Ad 10) Information on minor issues

Information regarding Open House, 11 February 2022 from the chair. Stig and Sissel will participate, with Toke hoping to be able to join them.

Ad 11) Point of discussion raised by the Head of Studies

Teaching conditions in Spring 2022 (Head of Studies)

There is a return to the normal semester with physical presence.

No courses will be streamed this semester.

The Chair informed that it makes good sense to have the Thesis-seminar in a hybrid version because some of the students are abroad on field trips.

Ad 12) Point of discussion raised on behalf of the student counsellor

No further

Ad 13) Study Board Calendar & Annual Cycle (secr.)

The Board decided on dates for future meeting (Spring 2022):

21 March 2022: 12.00 - 13.30

29 April 2022: 12.00 - 13.30

1 June 2022: 10.00 - 13.00 (incl. lunch)

The board decided to invite all alternates for the coming meetings

Ad 14) Other business

No further