

Study Board CAS



MINUTES

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Forum Study Board CAS

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Place 6B-0-36

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Present

Associate Professor Stig Jensen (chair), Student Representative Sissel Rosenberg, Head of Studies Marlene Ringgaard Lorensen, Director of Studies Maj-Britt Johannsen, Study Board Secretary Stephan Reinemer

Guests

Glen Michael Ansorger, Simona Bianchi, Mie Sloth Christensen, Michelle Frederikke Heegaard

Agenda

Ad 1) Approval of the agenda

Two representatives had given due notice and was not present.
Newly elected student representatives were present as guest.

Ad 2) Approval: Minutes from last study board meeting

Minutes from October-meeting was approved with a minor addition / clarification.

Ad 3) Matters arisen from approval of minutes

None

Ad 4) Applications to the Study Board

None

Ad 5) Urgent applications processed since last meeting

None

Ad 6) Course evaluation of the spring semester 2021

The chair of the board presented the process for course evaluation. The current evaluation has fewer respondents probably due to the situation with the lock down of the university.

The overall picture is very positive, with good feedback from the students.

It was noted that there have been new teachers on two courses.

Regarding evaluation of internship, it was suggested that the evaluation form is send when handing in the report.

It was discussed if the process can be improved, since it seems that some of the forms hasn't been received.

The number of respondents in general is a problem that needs to be addressed again.

The challenges of hybrid/online teaching were discussed.

Especially with regard to inaction and participation in the classroom, but also the overall implications for students' life.

Head of Studies noted that the evaluations seem very good and commented on a good process.

Ad 7) Evaluation of the study start

The chair presented the evaluation and noted that they are overall positive.

The guidance councillor elaborated that some issues was deemed less necessary in the evaluation. One of these was "The International Classroom", however it was noted that this matter is very important but may need to be revised or moved to another time, since it may be overshadowed by other practical information. "Being a student at CAS" is another activity that may be moved to late September and might include information about "The International Classroom".

There was agreement that a prolonged and less intensive study start may help with understanding/processing all the information given in the study start.

It was also suggested that the workload might be shared between more students (ex. A Social Mentor).

The board also evaluated the study trip to Aarhus (art museum ARoS, exhibition: This is not Africa). A high number of respondents gave an image of a hugely successful trip with positive feedback.

Some practical issues were discussed and suggested changed:

- More time at the venues – very tight schedule
- More time for academic discussion

The present students were very positive with regard of a repeat trip next year – to another venue with a similar relevant theme.

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In general, there was a lot of praise for the organizer, Sissel, from all involved.

Ad 8) Information on minor issues

Due to the process of regionalization and dimensionalization, the number of students must be reduced due by 40 at the faculty overall.

Reduction for CAS will be to a maximum of 28 students (DK and EU-students) – same as this year. Students outside EU will not be reduced.

Ad 9) Point of discussion raised by the Head of Studies

Continuation of the previous subject.

There is an ongoing discussing at the University on how the faculties can assist each other with these cut back.

Ad 10) Point of discussion raised on behalf of the student counsellor

None

Ad 11) Study Board Calendar & Annual Cycle - annex 9

Next meeting online or moved to December – to be decided on e-mail

Ad 12) Other business