

Study Board of CAS



MINUTES

18 SEPTEMBER 2023

Forum Study Board of CAS

Meeting held 18 September 2023

Place 6B-0-36, Faculty of Theology

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**STUDY BOARD FOR AFRICAN
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Present

Stig Jensen (chair), Amanda Hammar, George Kobina Ackom, Toke Andreas Møldrup Wolff, Marlene Ringgaard Lorensen, Maj-Britt Johannsen, Stephan Reinemer

Agenda

Ad 1) Approval: Agenda (chair)

The Study Board approved the suggested agenda for the meeting.

Ad 2) Approval: Minutes (chair)

The Study Board approved the minutes from the last study board meeting, June 2023.

Ad 3) Appointment of new student representatives to the Study Board

George and Longxin was approved as new members of the Board. A short presentation of the work of the Board and the upcoming election in November.

Ad 4) Discussion: Matters arisen from approval of minutes (sec.)

The Study Board discussed status of items decided on last meeting and noted that the Study Trip is under preparation.

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Ad 5) Approval: Applications to the Study Board (sec.)

The Study Board processes applications to the Study Board in a closed session (members only). No application at this meeting.

Ad 6) Approval: Course evaluation cover letter and forms for coming course evaluation (incl. procedure)

The chair presented the procedure for evaluation, which is still on paper, but in planning for digitalization.

Error on page 2 (B: Evaluations showing that teaching functioning *satisfactory*) – otherwise approved.

Ad 7) Discussion: Program report 2023 (by the Head of Studies)

The Board discussed the draft of the 2023 CAS Program Report and proposed initiatives for the Follow-up Plan. Notably, the program boasts the highest intake among its European counterparts. While the unemployment rate remains significant, it's crucial to acknowledge that international students aren't factored into this statistic. The intangible benefits of networking and exposure to an international environment are challenging to quantify.

The Status Plan could highlight the program's efforts in facilitating a smoother transition between semesters, particularly emphasizing the link between the internship/field studies (3rd semester) and the thesis (4th semester). It's worth noting that during the third semester, most CAS students are abroad, and the sole course for third-year students is attended exclusively by those from other faculties - a novel occurrence.

In the Follow-up Plan, addressing Study Progression is paramount. Mentioning the yet-to-be-seen positive outcomes of appointing a student mentor is crucial. Additionally, investigating whether students opting for extra Kiswahili (beyond the regular 30 ECTS per semester, resulting in fewer ECTS for the third semester) complete fewer of the standard courses in the first and second semesters is recommended.

Ad 8) Information on minor issues

None

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

The Candidate (Master) Reform is still underway – we know very little about the actual consequences.

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

None

Ad 11) Study Board Calendar & Annual Cycle

The Study Board visits the board calendar and revises the annual cycle if needed.

New dates for meetings of the Board:

23 October 2023: 10.00 – 12.00

20 November 2023: 11.00 – 12.30

Ad 12) Other business