

To the members of
CAS Study Board (2019)
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Forum CAS study board

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

Meeting held Monday 17 June 2019; 13:30-15:00

Place 6B-0-36

SOUTH CAMPUS
KAREN BLIXENS PLADS 16
2300 COPENHAGEN S

Minutes-taker Mette Juhl Vedel

Present

Karen Lauterbach (chair, associate professor), Joseph Curran (student representative), Stig Jensen (associate professor), Maj-Britt Johannsen (director of studies), Carsten Selch Jensen (head of studies) and Mette Juhl Vedel (secretary).

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Agenda

Ad 1) Approval of the agenda

The study board approved the agenda.

Ad 2) Approval of the minutes from the previous study board meeting

The study board approved the minutes.

Ad 3) Urgent applications processed since last meeting

There were no applications processed since last meeting.

Ad 4) Applications for dispensation and credit transfer

The study board discussed one case of possible credit transfer from prior unfinished education at the same level. The study board did

not find any relevant courses that could be credit transferred to the MA in African Studies.

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Ad 5) Planning: coming meetings in autumn 2019 (please remember your calendar)

The study board decided to have the first meeting after the summer holidays on Tuesday 27 August 2019; 10-12.

For the rest of the autumn semester the meetings will be planned to take place on Monday afternoon.

Ad 6) Discussion/decision: Study programme report and action plan in the education area (by the head of studies)

The head of studies presented the report.

The number of passed ECTS credits are below the 45 ECTS per full time student. This is a decrease from the last report.

ViP/DviP-ratio is still a bit below the standard. This will be followed up on.

STÅ/ViP-ratio: It is a lower number now since last year's report. The total number of STÅ has dropped which is the reason why the number has decreased.

The standard has been raised for African Studies from the previous year, which means that the standards are differentiated between the study programmes in the Faculty. The changed standard also explains why the STÅ/VIP ratio has decreased.

The unemployability percentage has increased from 18.3% to 21.4%. This is not even five people at African Studies, however, the percentage is higher than the standard.

The study board discussed how to get more students to take part in the Faculty of Social Sciences' events (networking, career etc.) and recommended that CAS students are invited on the Facebook site and that it is explained more openly that the events are also for CAS students (for example: "this is also for CAS students").

The study board discussed the issue of recruitment. Alice Petersen is gathering information for a report. This will be ready before the next application round and will be discussed in the study board and with Amanda Hammar.

The action plan in the education area will be discussed on a study board meeting and afterwards the head of studies sends this to the dean and subsequently the rector.

Ad 7) Information and discussion: Study start (guide + programme)

Anja Mee Foldberg presented the study start programme.

The study start programme is for the most part the same as last year. It has been slightly revised after the study start evaluations.

The study board decided that one student member must be present when the study board is introduced at the study start.

Ad 8) Information: UMV results (AMF)

Anja Mee Foldberg presented the study environment survey 2019 and the results.

The survey shows an excellent study environment at CAS. There is a general satisfaction of 92% (UCPH: 70%). However, there are still general stress issues and general indoor climate issues.

Compared to 2016 the physical settings has generally improved. The students spend more hours on their studies, however they spend less hours on exams than the general student at UCPH.

Draft action plans will be discussed in the study board in August and September.

Ad 9) Review of study information at KUnet – pages: Study start

There was not enough time for this item on the meeting.

The study board will find a different way to go through the information at KUnet. The head of the study board and the secretary will identify some pages with relevant context to review at the next study board meeting.

Ad 10) Information on minor issues

a. Annual meeting with the censor chairmanship

The chair informed about the meeting.

The report from the censor chairmanship was discussed at the meeting. This was very positive. The participants also discussed the trends and the patterns at the meeting.

Ad 11) Point of discussion raised on behalf of the Head of Studies (CSJ)

a. Management report (Ledelsesrapport)

The study board did not find anything in the report to discuss.

Ad 12) Points of discussion raised on behalf of MA students (Student Representatives)

Some students worry for the consequences if they submit blank or do not submit anything at all at an exam. Either way, the students will use one exam attempt, however, every student has three exam attempts for each course.

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

Nothing came up.

Ad 14) Other business

Nothing came up.