

To the members of
CAS Study Board (2020)



MINUTES [APPROVED]

14 SEPTEMBER 2020

Forum CAS study board

Meeting date 14th of September 2020, 1 pm

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Present

Student Representative Sissel Rosenberg
Student Representative Monika Grinschgl
Associate Professor Stig Jensen
Associate Professor Karen Lauterbach
Head of Studies Marlene Ringgaard Lorensen
Director of Studies Maj-Britt Johannsen
Study Board Secretary Stephan Reinemer
Student Altenate Julieta Castineira de Dios

Minutes

The meeting started with a welcome by the chair and a presentational round.

1. Approval of the agenda

An item was added under 15. Other business regarding the approval of a grant application.

Item 3 and 9 was postponed to the next meeting, these items regard course evaluation which still needs some work.

It was decided to have a more elaborate written procedure for the process of course evaluation.

2. Constitution of the new Study Board

The Chair presented the newly elected student representatives to the Study Board and the rules of procedure.

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The chair told the members about the work in the subcommittee processing of applications to the Study Board.

The board elected Sissel Rosenberg as vice-chair.

The board was informed of the upcoming changes at the department, which will include another constitution of the board at a coming meeting.

3. Approval: Minutes from study board meeting April

Postponed to October meeting

4. Matters arisen from approval of minutes

Postponed to October meeting

5. Urgent applications processed since last meeting

The Secretary presented the cases handled since last meeting in May.

The Chair presented the general exemption from the curriculum in the Spring and Fall Semester due to the Covid19-Shutdown.

6. Approval: Applications for dispensation and credit transfer

A Case regarding Group Thesis and oral examination as a group was presented.

The consequences of an approval will be a permanent general change to the Study Curricula.

The board was all in favour of an approval.

Stephan will write the ruling for the individual application. He will also write an outline for the curricula change and send this to Karen and Maj-Britt for a final approval of the change at a coming SB-meeting.

7. Consultation: Language Politics at UCPH

The Chair presented the language politics which have been send in consultation.

It was noted that the politic includes an awareness of the need for support for language skills for international students.

In a broader context it was mentioned that international students also may need support in general “Danish” Academic requirements.

It was noted the it is very ambitious to expect non-Danish speakers to be able to teach in Danish after 2 – 5 years.

8. Discussion: Exam of “Advanced Research Methods”

The chair presented the issue which is that there is some confusion and overlap with regards to one of the assignments for this course and the Field Work / Internship proposal that needs to be approved by the supervisor.

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The Study Board discussed the issue. The comments from the discussion will be brought to the teachers group for further evaluation as to whether the formulation of the content of the exam should be changed and be less rigid, so that there will be more room for the course responsible to change the content of the exam. It was also discussed whether the overlap and confusion can be cleared in other ways (eg. information or changes of procedure).

9. Discussion: Evaluation Forms (Annex 6a and 6b)

Item postponed

10. Decision: Curriculum, Adjustment of prioritisation criteria

The secretary presented the issue. A recent ruling from the Agency for Science and Higher Education means that the prioritisation criteria when deciding which applicants to enrol, has to be revised. The criteria should have a more narrow focus on academia and any personal motivation of the applicant should not weigh on the decision.

A proposal for a change was discussed and approved.

11. Information on minor issues

No issues raised

12. Point of discussion raised on behalf of the Head of Studies

Head of Studies and Maj-Britt informed of the UCPH-2020-lockdown-report and the current situation at UCPH regarding COVID19.

13. Points of discussion raised on behalf of MA students

No issues raised

14. Point of discussion raised on behalf of the student counsellor

No issues raised

15. Other business

- SB approved an application for a grant for integration of research activity in the teaching of a course.
- Future meeting will be held a month apart on Mondays 13.30. Stephan will send calls for the rest of the semester.

