

Study Board CAS



MINUTES [APPROVED]

14 DECEMBER 2020

Forum Study Board CAS

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

Meeting held 14 December 2020: 13:00 – 15:00

Place Online - ZOOM

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Minutes-taker Stephan Reinemer

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Present

Student Representative Sissel Rosenberg
Student Representative Monika Grinschgl
Associate Professor Stig Jensen (chair)
Associate Professor Karen Lauterbach
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 of the agenda

Approved

Ad 2) Approval: Minutes from last study board meeting

Approved

Ad 3) Matters arisen from approval of minutes

None

Ad 4) Urgent applications processed since last meeting

None

Ad 5) Processing of application

One application for extension of the thesis deadline to 15 April 2021 was approved

One application for extension of the thesis deadline to 15 February 2021 was approved

One application for exam deregistration was approved

Ad 6) CPHU model for digital education/formation

The Head of Studies presented that issue: How can we make better use of our digital resources at UCPH

Recent development has forced the issue – The shutdown has as a by-product moved us big steps in our use of digital resources.

The board discussed the issue of hearings of this kind. Also the lack of individual understanding of the issue and the implications. It was mentioned that this broad issue has relevance for a wide field of other issues eg. Data-management for students and VIP.

The Board expressed its desire to be included in the process but on a more informed basis. The background material needs more work for the board to understand the issue and the implications.

The board would support the establishment of a work group with participation from the whole faculty.

The board welcomes further hearings but on smaller and more informed issues, and with a clear statement of deadline for implementation.

The Board decided to include the issue as an item on our next meeting in January 2021.

Ad 7) Framework for the planning of classes and exams until 1 September 2021

The Board discussed the issue and the eventuality of having to alter the exams for summer. The Board noted that January exams at Theology will give experience in how to handle online oral exams with preparation time.

Ad 8) Evaluation of Study Start

The Board noted the overall positive references in the report.

However, it was also noted the recurring issue of students asking for earlier access to the study plans.

Would it be possible to give earlier access to Absalom – or more information on how to get access?

It was noted that some of the issues could originate in the many new digital/technical systems that the students need to know before they get to the Course Outline/Study Plan.

It was discussed if the Course Outline could be uploaded to Course Catalogue (kurser.ku.dk).

The Board noted that the Study Start primarily had been a very good experience with a good review, and expressed thanks to the tutors and students counsellor.

The Board decided it is necessary to have a constant focus on the mentioned issue: the early access, information and introduction to the digital resources.

Ad 9) Date for January-meeting and preferred weekday for meeting in the Spring-semester.

The Board decided not to have a January-meeting.

For the meeting schedule for the spring the secretary will send a proposal. Mondays and Wednesdays was identified as possible weekdays for SB- meetings.

It was decided to add the issue of University Election on the Annual Cycle.

Ad 10) Information on minor issues

None

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

Discussion of teaching experiences from 2020 - teaching on site, as live streaming and online

An upcoming seminar in January will be held on this issue.

Also from the University there is a request regarding students wellbeing during the lock down.

It was mentioned that it seems that the Student Counsellor has had fewer contacts from students during the lock down.

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

None

Ad 13) Other business