

CAS Study Board (2020)

Minutes from board meeting 20th may 2020



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20 MAY 2020

Forum CAS study board

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

Meeting date Monday 25 May; 12.30-14.30

Place ZOOM: <https://ucph-ku.zoom.us/j/63851271616>

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Present Student Representative Georgina Nabwire Mwachiru
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1. Approval of the agenda

It was decided to postpone the process of evaluating the thesis evaluation to the next meeting. The Students Assistant will work on a summary of the individual thesis evaluations.

The agenda was approved

2. Approval: Minutes from study board meeting April

Approved

3. Matters arisen from approval of minutes

Since last meeting there has been a good discussion regarding the planning of the course “Development and Armed Conflict in Africa”.

An issue regarding the small numbers of applicant from CAS and demands on room size was discussed. A significant number of students

from other educations at UCPH has registered for the course. 10 students from the Defence Academy will be attending.

It was mentioned that other locations may be considered.

4. Urgent applications processed since last meeting

No applications

5. Approval: Applications for dispensation and credit transfer

No applications

6. Discussion: Review of course evaluation from the autumn semester 2019

It was noted that the diversity of the student group (different nationalities and academic traditions) influences how students perceive teaching. The course 'Economic Development in Africa' was discussed in particular such as the exam.

Generally, the evaluations were very positive. A common theme that was discussed was the level of interaction and participation in class. The low response rate of the course evaluations for some courses was discussed.

7. Appointment of a subcommittee in regards to course evaluations in the spring semester

It was decided to discontinue the subcommittee and have the full discussion at a board meeting after the evaluations have been discussed among the CAS teaching staff.

8. Information: Study start + study start policy 2020

Carsten informed that the study start will be a combination of online and on-site activities. Large gathering and trips will be postponed.

Information regarding graduation is under way with an online format.

The issue of international students and their participation was mentioned. Many fast changing conditions factors in here. However it seems that some non-EU students may have difficulties in attending.

It was mentioned that the planners should be aware of the time difference for students who is to participate in online activities – would it be possible to record the live sessions?

9. Discussion: Program report and program evaluation by the Head of Studies

The head of studies presented the annual report of the status of the programme.

Since CAS is a small program even insignificant movements by a single or few students has a big impact on the numbers.

This year the number for disenrollment has gone up.

The number of earned ECTS is sufficient this year, and the ratio between staff and students are looking good also.

Unemployment is at 17 percent, which is acceptable.

The conclusion this year will be to continue the good work.

It was mentioned that some of the indicators could be explained by the development with fewer students, because of the “international dimensioning”.

10. Information: Annual meeting with the censor chairmanship (by the chair of the Study Board

Meeting not held yet

11. Information on minor issues

Head Studies informed that the dean and he has decided to continue as planned with the online exams.

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

Nothing added

13. Points of discussion raised on behalf of MA students

Nothing added

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

Nothing added

15. Other business

Next meeting will be held on Monday 7th September 2020. Specific time to be decided, when we know who the new student and staff representatives are. Stephan will plan this via mail.

Also since a full member and some alternates must be added at the start of the semester, a request must be send to Rector to change outside the term of office.