

Study Board of CAS



9 FEBRUARY 2024

MINUTES

Forum Study Board of CAS

Meeting held 9 February 2024, 11.00 - 13.00

Place 8B-1-33, Faculty of Theology

Minute taker S.R.

**STUDY BOARD FOR AFRICAN
STUDIES**

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Present

Stig Eduard Breitenstein Jensen (ViP), George Kobina Ackom (stud.), Toke Andreas Møldrup Wolff (ViP); Marlene Ringgaard Lorensen (Head of Studies), Maj-Britt Johanssen (Director of Studies), Stephan Reinemer (secretary).

Agenda - Constituent Meeting

• **Formal constitution of the new Study Board**

The Board elected Stig Jensen as chair for the coming year and George Kobina Ackom as vice-chair.

Agenda – Regular meeting of the Study Board

1. Approval: Agenda (chair)

The Study Board approved the suggested agenda for the meeting with an added issue to item 8 regarding adjustments to admission requirements for master's degree programmes.

2. Approval: Minutes (chair)

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

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

The Study Board discussed status of items decided on last meeting.
No further remarks.

4. Approval: Applications to the Study Board (sec.)

The Study Board processed applications to the Study Board. Closed session. No application at this meeting.

5. Orientation: Course evaluation report (in Danish) from the previous academic year (by the Head of Studies)

The Study Board discussed the Head of Studies' "Report on completed teaching evaluations 2023", which reports the overall conclusions from the faculty regarding evaluations of teaching in autumn 2022 and spring 2023.

At CAS the evaluation is a product of the different background of a very international student body.

The courses should be mandatory graded in categories A, B or C (not public). There have been no issues at CAS.

The issue with some teachers not handing in the evaluation results was discussed, in relations to improving the number of respondents. Both items, results and responded, may change with the digital evaluation. The Board was generally very positive towards the report.

6. Approval: Schedule SB-meetings for Spring 2024

The Study Board decide on dates for meetings in the spring 2024.

19 March 13.00 - 15.00

29 April 10.30 - 12.00

3 June 14.00 - 15.30

7. Orientation: Inspiration catalogue on learning communities

The Head of Studies presented the catalogue, and The Study Board discussed the catalogue and how the suggestions can be included in the board's further work.

At CAS it was noted that the lecturers already are very available, with feedback that suggest very engaging teaching.

In this programme some students may have issues with being new to Denmark and UCPH, however the students report that the current class has settled good but there are concerns regarding one foreign student. The Board discussed how to inform our students of relevant seminars on other faculties at UCPH and build connections to students from other programmes and faculties.

8. Initial discussion: Changes to curriculum

The Study Board discussed whether there are suggestions for changes to the Study Curriculum. The Board would prepare the process for approval by the Dean in February the following year and implementation 1 September 2025.

The Board did not find pressing matters and decided not to start the revision process this year.

UFM has ordered UCPH to adjust the admission requirements and selection criteria for master's degree programmes. In this connection, US has submitted a review of TEO's programmes. The Study Board discussed relevant sections of the review and set up a fast-working committee (Stig, George, Karen and Stephan) for further work (deadline 1 March 2024).

9. Information on minor issues

Nothing further

10. Point of discussion raised by the Head of Studies

The Head of Studies reported regarding the latest development in the Masters Reform.

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

Nothing further

12. Study Board Calendar & Annual Cycle

The Study Board visited the board calendar and revised the annual cycle. It was decided to "Following up on the courses from Political Science"

13. Other business

Nothing further

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