

To the members of the Board of Studies for Social Data Science and attendees at the meeting. The minutes are published on the [homepage](#).



MINUTES

MAY 2021

Forum Social Data Science Board of Studies

Meeting held 20 April 2021, 16:00-17:30

Place Online Zoom

Minute taker Tea Malthesen

Present

Members: Søren Kyllingsbæk, Nikolaj Arpe Harmon, Anders Blok, Samantha Dawn Breslin, Frederik Georg Hjorth, Jeppe Hostrup Foldberg Hansen, Marilena Hohmann, and Alfredo D. Rodriguez III.

Attendees: Andreas Bjerre-Nielsen (Head of Studies), and Louise-Marie Lyngbo Lausten (Study Administrator).

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Apologies for absence: Alysha K. Chamadia.

Agenda

1) Approval of agenda and minutes from the last meeting

The Board approved the agenda and the minutes from the last meeting.

2) The Board of Studies – status of

Alex Snorre Moltzau (student) and Rebecca Adler-Nissen (scientific staff) have retired from the Board of Studies. Frederik Georg Hjorth (scientific staff) is new member. The students will try to find a new student member.

3) Discussion of the course evaluations of Social Data Analysis and Advanced Social Data Science 1 (Block 3) (Closed item)

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[Summary:] Head of Studies presented his suggested written assessment of the evaluations. It was agreed that there should be a part in the written document with the points from the Board. The teachers and Head of Studies will continue the discussions on how to improve the courses. The Progression Working Group will discuss the alignment of the courses at the first year.

4) Discussion about interdisciplinary collaboration

Andreas told about the faculty initiative to create more interdisciplinary collaboration.

Andreas suggests that SDS opens ASDS2, so that students from "open university" can follow the course. Now students from other programmes can not follow SDS courses

It was asked, how it is supposed to work with the integrated exam. Andreas suggests that open university students can do the exam in the same form as the re-exam. It was pointed out that many SDS students would also like to do the exam as the re-exam (and take one of the course at the time), which is not an option for them.

There was a discussion about the TA classes. It was suggested to make one separate TA class for students outside SDS. It was asked if this would not be against the whole idea of interdisciplinary collaboration.

It was said that it would probably be difficult to find more TA's.

It was asked: Why is it in our interest to open up courses?

Andreas suggests SDS arrange a Data Sprint with students from other disciplines. Søren likes to discuss this at the next meeting.

All agreed that SDS is already an interdisciplinary program.

5) Decision about the exam in Digital Methods this semester – online or on campus

The course coordinator (Anders Blok) told why he prefers the exam in Digital Methods held online. The Board decided that the exam will be online.

6) Written briefing on the reopening of campus – on limited scale

Following the guidelines from the Ministry of Higher Education and Science and decisions from UCPH primarily students with special

needs (SPS-students), Master's thesis students and first-year students, will be given the opportunity to return to campus. Students with functional impairments/special needs are allowed back on campus from 6 April.

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7) AOB

There is a discussion going on about workload at block 4 – Digital methods and Advanced Social Data Science II. The students will make suggestions to the relevant teachers as fast as possible.

8) Evaluation of the meeting

No time for this.