

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

26 NOVEMBER 2021

**Forum** Board of Studies of Social Data Science

**Meeting held** 26 November 2021, 14:00-15:30

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**Place** Room 1.2.26

**Minute taker** Sandra Schöne Leth Hansen

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### Present

Members: Søren Kyllingsbæk, Nikolaj Arpe Harmon, Samantha Dawn Breslin, Anders Blok, Gregory Eady, Alysha K. Chamadia, Jonathan Salka, Marilena Hohmann and Alfredo D. Rodriguez III.

Attendees: Andreas Bjerre-Nielsen (Head of Studies), Friedolin Merhout and Amanda Lybke Rasmussen.

Absent: Jeppe Hostrup Foldberg Hansen, Sofie Trappaud Scholl (Student Advisor) and Ditte Marie Arbjerg (Student Advisor).

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### 1) Approval of agenda and briefing about the minutes from the last meeting

The Study Board approved the agenda. The minutes from the Board of Studies meeting on 29 October 2021 had already been approved by email.

### 2) Discussion on SDS Intro evaluation (2021)

Andreas briefed about the results of the evaluation and about input from the external advisory board.

By extension the Board of Studies discussed ideas for the intro program for the new cohort next year, including the following:

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- The Board of Studies suggested to invite some alumnis to talk to the new cohort
- The external speakers must be familiar with the entire intro program in order to speak into context.
- The new cohort should meet the teachers.
- There should be more time for socializing among the students.
- Pros and cons for both quantitative and qualitative methods should be introduced.
- Friedolin is responsible for organizing the intro week in cooperation with the administration. SDS students should be involved too in the preparation.

### **3) Discussion on ESDS evaluation (Block 1, 2021)**

Andreas briefed about the results of the evaluation, including the following:

- Data collection in Base Camp should be coordinated with ESDS. This will be handle in the spring when revising the curriculum.
- It is unclear what the connection is between the syllabus and the lectures in ESDS. We have to make sure that there is not too much overlap.
- There will be a revision of the course description in the spring. Hjalmar will help out with the revision.

### **4) Approval of revised thesis course description (based on questions from the thesis workshop)/Andreas (10 min. 14:45-14:55)**

Annex 4: Revised thesis course description

The course description has been revised (again) based on the feedback and questions from the students at the thesis workshop.

The Board of studies had some input to the course description regarding the formulation of the companion papers. It must be revised before the Board of studies can approve the revised course description.

There will be held an event on how to write a thesis for the SDS students in February.

### **5) Discussion on whether SDS students can write their thesis at another programme/Søren (10 min. 14:55-15:05)**

The Board of studies discussed whether SDS students can write their thesis at another programme and whether SDS students can have supervisors not from SDS.

The Board of studies did not make a decision on whether students can write their thesis at another programme. The Board of studies will make their decision case by case when students apply for a preapproval to write their thesis at another programme.

The Board of studies would like to have a model for external supervisors which is integrated with the SDS cluster model. Friedolin will work on a solution.

#### **6) Briefing on exemptions to students with functional/physical impairment/Hanne Kraak (10 min. 15:05-15:15)**

Hanne briefed about the new rules regarding exemptions for students with functional/physical impairment: Previously students with impairments should apply for an exemption each time they needed one. Now it is the administration who is responsible to make sure that students with impairment are equated with others students. There is not yet a procedure on how to do that. Hanne encouraged the study board to tell students at SDS to contact the administration if they have any impairments.

The Board of studies suggested to put a box on the application form for the master programme, where to put in if you are a student with impairment.

#### **7) Briefings and AOB/Søren (5 min 15:15-15:20)**

The management team has a fund for student activities like thesis projects, scholarships etc.

Approval of application is decided by the study board.

The framework and how to evaluate will be in place soon.

The study board was encouraged to spread the word among the students.

#### **8) Dispensations / Hanne Kraak (10 min. 15:20-15:30)**

- *Discussion on delegation: Thesis supervisors not from SDS*

The Board of studies decided that they were not ready to make a decision on the delegation yet.

- *Other dispensations (Annexes: Distributed at the meeting)*

Closed agenda item.