

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

29 OCTOBER 2021

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

**Meeting held** 29 October 2021, 14:00-15:30

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**Place** Room 1.2.26 and Zoom

**Minute taker** Sandra Schöne Leth Hansen

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### Present

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

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Attendees: Andreas Bjerre-Nielsen (Head of Studies) and Friedolin Merhout.

Absent: Gregory Eady, Alysha K. Chamadia, Jonathan Salka, Sofie Trappaud Scholl (Student Advisor) and Ditte Marie Arbjerg (Student Advisor).

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

The Study Board approved the agenda and the minutes from the Board of Studies meeting on 24 September 2021.

### 2) Approval of teacher's suggestion to changes in Digital Methods

The Study Board approved the suggestions to changes in the course description Digital Methods.

### 3) Briefing about efforts to harmonise curricula at UCPH

The Study Board was briefed about effort to harmonise curricula at UCPH. The purpose is to use the same language across the university. The harmonization will not include the content of the curricula.

The group working to harmonise the curricula will come up with a draft of a common language which will be consulted. The draft from the group is expected around Christmas.

#### **4) Appointment of a new head of studies at SDS (from 1 December 2021 to 1 December 2023) (Friedolin Merhout)**

The Board agreed to recommend to the Dean that Friedolin Merhout is appointed as new Head of Studies from 1 December 2021 to 1 December 2023.

Andreas will be there to help out during December and more if necessary.

The new Board of Studies is constituted in February 2022. The Head of Studies is not a member of the Board of Studies, however, he will be attending the Board of Studies meeting as an observant.

#### **5) Briefing about teacher workshop on 30 September**

The Study Board was briefed about the topics discussed at the teacher workshop on 30 September:

- New electives. There has not been decided on any yet, except Data Governance, which the Board of Studies has approved.
- The format of the thesis including the content in the curriculum. The changes in the curriculum will be discussed and hopefully approved at the next Board of Studies meeting in November.
- Coordination of the courses, including discussions about coordination of workload, overlap of teachers and a closer coordination of Elementary Social Data Science and Social Data Science Base Camp.

Another teacher workshop is expected at the end of spring semester. The agenda will include changes in curriculum based on the feedback and the student evaluations from the academic year. The changes will take effect from september 2023 or 2024. The Board of Studies will be consulted in the process.

#### **6) Consultation on the implementation of regionalism at SAMF**

The Study Board was briefed about the content of the consultation documents. Social Data Science has not been adjusted which we are very pleased with, however it is not decided yet whether the intake at SDS will increase over the coming years as originally planned.

The Study Board is supposed to come up with a consultation response. Søren will send a proposal to the Study Board.

The Study Board then discussed the regionalization in general and Budget in Balance. In the context of Budget in Balance all programmes at SAMF have been asked how they can be more efficient.

The Study Board then discussed the intake of EU vs. non EU citizens at SDS and the fact that there is a limit on the intake of the EU citizens. The enrollment procedure makes it difficult to increase the number of non EU citizens at SDS because the non EU citizens are enrolled before the other students.

#### **7) Briefing on subjects to come for the Study Board (Feedback, content and placement of ESDS, examination form on academic internship)**

The Study Board was briefed on subjects to come:

- We have already discussed and have input regarding feedback.
- The content and placement of ESDS will be discussed later on. Examination form on academic internship is on the next agenda item.

The Board of Studies was encouraged to send an email if they have topics they want the Board of Studies to discuss.

#### **8) Examination on academic internship**

The Study Board was briefed on the proposed changes. The changes will only effect students taking 30 ECTS.

The Study Board approved the changes in the course description of academic internship.

The changes will take effect from next autumn semester.

The Study Board approved that students taking 30 ECTS this autumn semester can have a shared exemption so they can follow the new

requirements in the updated course description which the Board of Studies just approved.

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#### **9) Briefings and any other business**

Social Data Science has received extra money on the budget (DKK 15,000). An idea is to spend some of the money on a social meet up with the students and the teachers, perhaps at the end of this semester. The students in the Study Board are very welcome to come up with additional/other ideas.

#### **10) Dispensations**

Closed agenda item.