



## MINUTES OF MEETING

6 DECEMBER 2023

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

**Meeting date** 1 December 2023, 13.00-15.30

**Place** 1.1.12

### Attendees

Csilla Duray, Tereza Blazkova, Kaylie Clark, Nikolaj Arpe Harmon, Rosa Ellen Lavelle-Hill, Andreas Bjerre-Nielsen, Friedolin Merhout, Kristine Hemme and Sidse Gutfeld Overbeck Ærstrøm.

### Absentees

Gregory Eady, Samantha Dawn Breslin, Camilla Veronica Branas.

### Guests

Associate Professor, Kristoffer Langkjær Albris, Prorector for Education, Kristian Lauta Cedervall Lauta and Academic Officer, Søren Kirk.

### Agenda

#### 1. Approval of minutes and agenda / Andreas (5 minutes, 13:00-13:05)

***Decision:** The members of the board must decide whether to approve the minutes of the last Study Board meeting, 27 October 2023 (See appendix 1.1).*

*Furthermore, the board must decide whether to approve the meeting agenda.*

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**Orientation:** Andreas noted that he'll have to leave early and Friedolin will take over the presentation of the items 9-11. Kaylie will chair the board as Vice-chair.

**Decision:** The agenda and the minutes of the latest Study Board meeting was approved with no further additions.

**2. Visit from Kristian Cedervall Laut, Prorector for Education at UCPH, Rie Snekkerup, Vice-provost for Education at UCPH and Søren Kirk, Academic Officer at Education at UCPH, Kristian (13.05-14.00)**

**Orientation:** Initially, Kristian Cedervall Laut presented himself to the board at the attendees presented themselves in a quick round of introductions.

Hereafter, Kristian presented the key values and the guiding principles for education as presented in the 2030 Strategy:

**1) Research is the backbone of the study programmes.**

**2) Study programmes are relevant to society**

**3) Learning is a mutual commitment**

**4) Collaboration and dialogue with society**

Lastly, he asked the board if they had anything in particular, they would like to discuss, and the board asked for Kristian to elaborate a bit on the Master's reform.

**3. Recommendation for new Head of Studies / Andreas (10 minutes, 14:00-14:10)**

**Orientation:** *Friedolin has accepted to continue as Head of studies until the end of December, and the new Head of Studies will take up the post as Head of studies by January 1, 2024.*

**Decision:** *Current Head of Studies and the chair of the board are proposing to recommend Kristoffer Langkjær Albris as new Head of Studies for the MSc in Social Data Science. The board should decide whether to support this proposal and recommend Kristoffer as new Head of Studies.*

**Orientation:** Kristoffer presented himself and informed the board that he's very eager to take up the role as Head of Studies for the MSc in Social Data Science. Kristoffer is very passionate about the

programme and he's looking forward to taking part in the future management and development of the programme.

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Friedolin noted that Kristoffer is a very qualified candidate and he remarked that Kristoffer, with his background in anthropology, will ensure the continuous representation of the different academic disciplines (with the former two HoS representing the departments of Economy and Sociology). Kristoffer on the other hand acknowledge his qualitative academic background and he stressed the importance of the interdisciplinarity of the programme. He will, hence, rely on a close collaboration with the academic staff from the quantitative disciplines of the programme.

**Decision:** All members present at the meeting approved of the recommendation of Kristoffer as new Head of Studies for Social Data Science.

**4. News from the Student Administration / Sidse (5 minutes, 14:10-14:15)**

***Orientation:** Sidse will brief the board on the research internships at Political Science.*

**Orientation:** Research internships offered at the department of Political Science is not an option for students at the MSc in Social Data Science: there are too many applicants and too few spots. The research oriented written project related to research projects by SDS professors might be an option. Sidse will send out the list of current research projects, and students should contact the researcher responsible for the project to get to know the options. Sidse will, furthermore, check if the interns are employed in projects.

**Decision:** Andreas added that the study leadership of SDS will examine if SODAS in the future could offer project internships and written assignments in collaboration with a research project.

**5. News from the Student Advisors / Kristine Hemme (5 minutes, 14:15-14:20)**

***Orientation:** Kristine will brief the board on the "holdets time" amongst the first-year students at Social Data Science. Furthermore, she will brief the board on the current employee situation in the Student Advisory.*

**Orientation:**

**“Holdets time”:** Kristine has visited the students of the new cohort. The purpose of the visit was to create a safe space for the students to reflect upon and talk about how they are settling in. The Student Advisors facilitated the talk amongst the students and informed the students on where to get help.

Friedolin thanked Kristine for the effort and for reporting back to the Study Board.

Csilla asked how the Student Advisors follow up on this initiative, and Kristine informed, that the outcome of the initiative has been brought up in the admin team, just as it has been presented to the Study Board.

**Employee situation:** The head of Section for the Student Advisors have gotten a new job, and Students Advisor Annemette Have Worbech will step in as interim Head of Sections. Some of the Students Advisors have also been offered positions elsewhere and as a result the Student Advisors will have some months with fewer employees. The offer for guidance, however, remain the same. If students need a quick response, they are advised to [drop by the open hours or to give the office a call](#).

## 6. Break (10 minutes, 14:20-14:30)

## 7. Digital Literacy at the MSc in Social Data Science / Friedolin, Lise (15 minutes, 14:30-14:45)

**Orientation and discussion:** *Friedolin will present the outcome of the mapping of the digital literacy elaborated by the course responsables at SDS. Our Pedagogical consultant Lise Stenbæk will join us for questions regarding the Digital Literacy project and the mapping at SDS.*

*The board should review the mapping and provide input on its accuracy and potentials for expanding the digital education strategy in the program.*

### **Orientation and discussion:**

**Orientation:** Friedolin welcomed Lise Stenbæk and framed the Digital Literacy project. The mapping of which elements (five petals of the Digital Competencies-flower) are covered in the MSc in Social Data Science have been executed in a survey amongst the course responsables. All petals are being covered, except the digital scientific

information search – the Digital Literacy project was originally implemented in the BA degrees, and students at a Master's degree is therefore expected to have covered the digital scientific information search during their BA degree. The MSc in Social Data Science has furthermore added a sixth petal to the flower regarding the use of AI tools (see appendix 7.1).

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**Discussion:** the students generally think that the mapping looks representative. They requested for the fifth flower petal to be covered during the Master's programme, and Tereza mentioned that the Zotero, Overleaf and/ or Java lectures worked really well, but she would have liked to have the workshop earlier on. It was proposed to make the fifth petal into a course during the study start, and Lise suggested it to not only be part of the study start but also be included in a course.

**Decision:** Teachers and students agreed that the Elementary Social Data Science course could incorporate a workshop on reference management, citation and the reading of research papers in one of the first exercise sessions. The board furthermore agreed to have the Head of Studies inform the course responsible on this, just as teachers should be informed, that all reference styles are accepted, if they are being followed consistently.

## 8. News from the Students / Kaylie (14.45-15:00)

*Discussion and decision: Set up a working group on group work to consider the following:*

- a. mandatory assigned groups
- b. making groups optional
- c. how to address unresolved conflicts

**Decision:** The working group will consist of two staff and two student members. Friedolin will volunteer on the staff side, and the board agreed to have Andreas ask Gregory to volunteer as well. Kaylie will volunteer on the students' side, and she will find one more student to join her. The board agreed that the working group should come up with inspiration on the future group work of the study programme. This goes for both assignment of groups, facilitation of group work, handling of group conflicts and a potential resolution of a group due to group conflicts. It's important to remember, that the working group should come up with suggestions to the board, but it's the board that decides on any future changes.

In addition to this, it should be stated, that potential changes to the curriculum must be made in accordance with the faculty deadlines in this regard. Minor changes should be decided upon in February or September (with effect the following semester). But if many minor changes are being made, this might constitute a major change to the programme curriculum, and these should not be made prior to the potential reform of the Master's programmes.

**9. ChatGPT and similar generative AI for future written take-home exams at Social Data Science/ Andreas (10 minutes, 15.00-15.10)**

*Discussion and decision:* The board needs to discuss and decide whether to permit ChatGPT and similar generative AI for future written take-home exams at Social Data Science ([ChatGPT and AI - for teachers - KUnet](#)).

**Decision:** The board approved for the course responsables to decide whether to permit of ChatGPT and similar generative AI/ LLM as exam aid for all future written take home assignments. The following formulation will be added to those courses permitting Generative AI and LLMs as exam aid: “*ChatGPT and other large language model tools are permitted as a dedicated source, meaning text copied verbatim needs to be quoted, the tool cited, and generally the specific use made of them needs to be described in the submitted exam.*”

Head of Studies will have course responsables decide whether to permit the generative AI in their exam and will report back to Sidse. Sidse will then have the information added to the course catalogue.

**10. News from Head of Studies / chairperson / Friedolin & Andreas (15 minutes, 15:10-15:25)**

**a. Employer Panel meeting / Friedolin**

*Orientation:* The latest meeting 23 November 2023 was cancelled. The chair will brief the board on the status of the new appointments of the Employer Panel.

Employer panel is being renewed. Last meeting was cancelled. Currently in the process of identifying the new members for 2024-2026. If the board has any suggestions, they are welcome, and the board is currently missing representatives from smaller businesses and NGOs. The final proposed list should be submitted within week 49. Next external panel meeting will be in spring.

**b. Breifing on the results of the elections for the Study Board / Andreas**

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***Orientation:** Andreas will brief the board on the result of the elections regarding the Study Board for Social Data Science.*

The board would like to thank Tereza, who is leaving the board at the end of January. Welcome back to Csilla and Kaylie, and to the three new members.

**c. Summary of the Study Board's work during the year**

- a) What focus points will the current study board pass on to the coming study board?
  - Group work
  - Master reform
  - PhD track

**b) Draft annual plan for the coming study board**

The Study Board will meet the following dates the upcoming semester:

1<sup>st</sup> constituent meeting. February 9 at 1:00PM-3:00PM

2<sup>nd</sup> meeting: April 12 at 11:00AM-1:00PM.

3<sup>rd</sup> meeting: May 24 at 11:00AM-1:00PM.

**11. AOB / Andreas (5 minutes, 15:25-15:30)**

No other business.

Yours sincerely,

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