UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

To the members of the Board of Studies for Social Data Science and attendees at the meeting. The minutes are published on the https://example.com/homepage.



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Forum Board of Studies of Social Data Science

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Meeting held 24 September 2021, 14-15:30

Place Room 1.2.26

Minute taker Tea Malthesen

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Present

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

Attendees: Andreas Bjerre-Nielsen (Head of Studies), Sofie Trappaud Scholl (Student Advisor), Sandra Schöne Leth Hansen (New Study Board Secretary), Friedolin Merhout (Academic Staff), Amanda Lydke Rasmussen (Administrative Staff), and Sara Hagemann (Associate Dean for Education).

Absent: Jonathan Salka

Agenda

1) Approval of agenda and minutes from the last meeting

The Study Board approved the agenda and the minutes, with a small correction of whom were mentioned as present in the minutes of the meeting on 26 August.

2) Visit by the new Associate Dean for Education Sara Hagemann Sara presented herself. Sara told about how she sees her role as Associate Dean at the Faculty, about her visions for the faculty, and what she will be focusing on in the coming years.

3) Discussion of suggestions from a student to make it optional for students to write their academic internship report together if they have an internship at the same place

The Study Board agreed that, if two internees are working on the same topic, at the same company, and with the same supervisor, they might write their second report together. The first report should be written individually. This should be noted in the curriculum. Until the curriculum correction takes effect, the students will have to apply for an exemption if they would like to write the report together.

4) Approval of teacher's suggestion to changes in Data Governance: Law, Ethics and Politics

The Study Board approved the suggestions to changes in the course description of Data Governance: Law, Ethics and Politics.

5) Approval of more information about ESDS exam from teacher and administration

The specification of the re-examination should not be added like suggested. It must be formulated how the student can do the re-examination if they do not hand the assignment in with the rest of their group. Andreas and Friedolin will talk about this and make a new suggestion to the study board of how the re-examination must be done.

6) Briefing about the new cohort

Andreas told about the new cohort and Samantha told about the students' replies to the survey about experiences.

There were approximately 400 applicants this year to the 75 places. 66 SDS students are now admitted.

7) An initial overview of the introduction week

Andreas told the Study Board about the introduction week. The introduction week worked out very well, the format worked better than last year. There was a discussion about the scrabbing exercise. It was mentioned that there should be more time for social activities next year and better coordination between the introduction week and basecamp.

8) Annual status of SDS compliance with the UCPH requirement of a minimum of 8 hours of teaching per week every semester (14 weeks) the first year at a master's programme

SDS complies with the requirement. It was not discussed further.

9) Briefing about the Study Board election

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It would be ideal if there were a combination of first-year and second-year students in the Study Board. The students can be elected even if, they finish their studies within the period, but they can not be members after they have finished their studies.

The Head of Studies encourages all teachers to register for the election. If the teachers do not wish to continue in the Study Board, please talk to Søren or Andreas. There will be a seat for one academic staff from each of the five departments at The Faculty.

10) Briefing about the teacher retreat

There will be held a one-day teacher retreat, where academic possible electives will be discussed. If you have ideas for electives please contact Andreas.

11) Briefing about the appointment of an SDS student to a user group regarding 'Budget in balance'

Jeppe is working to find an SDS representative, it is not easy because the documents are in Danish. It was mentioned that it would be great if it could be a student from the Study Board that participates.

12) Briefings and any other business

The process of how to assign supervisors and make groups will be facilitated and a timeline for when to apply for preapprovals of electives will be presented for the students, as soon as possible.