



## MINUTES

16 SEPTEMBER 2022

**Forum** Board of Studies for the MSc in Social Data Science

**Meeting held** 05 October 2022, 11:30-13:00.

**Place** SODAS 1.2.26.

**Minute taker** Jagger Andersen Kirkby

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### Present

Søren Kyllingsbæk (*Chair*), Tereza Blazkova, Friedolin Merhout, Dora Nanai-Szucs, Gregory Eady, Nikolaj Arpe Harmon (from item 8), David Anthony Charles Broomham (from item 8).

### Attendees

Mads Øbro (*Student Guidance*), Louise-Marie Lyngbo Lausten (*Study Administrator*)

### Absent

Christian Thomas Nielsen Garcia (*Vice-Chair*), Maya Ellen Hertz

### Agenda

**Ad 1) Approval of the agenda for the present meeting**  
The agenda was approved.

**Ad 2) Orientation from HoS**  
A coding café is being held again this semester and is working well, both socially and educationally.

SDS Graduation Day will take place two weeks from today.

The alumni network is underway and might receive support from higher up. The network will establish a website through KU through which they can organise events, and a website on LinkedIn.

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There have been difficulties with refunds to Student Fund recipients. Guidelines will be made clearer. Research Studentships are underway.

Friedo asked the SB to comment on changes in the curriculum that make clearer how a classic master's thesis differs from the other types of master's theses SDS students can write. The classic master's thesis has been renamed the SDS Monograph.

**Ad 3) Administrative exemptions**

Jagger explained that one exemption had been given administratively in the spring semester. Two applications for exemptions were annulled as there was no need for an exemption.

**Ad 4) UCPH Guiding Principles**

Friedolin explained the ongoing efforts of the university and faculty leaderships to streamline across programmes, including the new guiding principles that focus on well-being, programme structure, expectations for after finishing degrees, alumni networks, among other things. There were no specific comments. Søren proposed a seminar across faculty programmes and the student and teacher levels. After the next study environment evaluation, the SB would like to discuss the guiding principles in relation to the results.

**Ad 5) Decision on separating the exams in ASDS II and Digital Methods**

The Study Board approved the revisions to the curriculum. From the spring semester 2023 the exams in ASDS II and Digital Methods will no longer be integrated but offered as two separate exams. This also means we can offer ASDS II as an elective to other SAMF students. Jagger will make publish the changes in the curriculum and talk to Andreas Fensholm and other relevant administrative colleagues about how to offer ASDS II as an elective. Søren and Friedolin will ensure that the budgeting allows for this. At the next SB meeting, the SB would like to be able to approve any concrete changes to the course content and exam form, if needed.

**Ad 6) SDS Common Room**

The new common room is too small for the new cohort of SDS students.

It was commented that it is unlikely that we can be allocated a new space. For larger events, it is recommended that the students look into booking HippoCampus for the time being.

The point was made that the common room also promotes interaction among students across years and cohorts, why a larger space is needed.

It was agreed that Søren will take up the issue with the Vice-Dean. Students will gather signatures for a petition like last time around. More signatures are needed this time.

It was suggested that the new SDS Student Association should campaign for a room for all “international” programmes.

Louise-Marie updated the SB on the status of the current common room and explained that a card reader will be installed by the faculty free of charge.

**Ad 7) Study Start 2022 – Student Guidance**

Mads informed the SB about Student Guidance efforts in relation to the study start autumn 2022. There is now an online Absalon module with an abundance of useful information and including a welcome video from Friedolin. During Orientation Week, Student Guidance came to talk to the new cohort about who Student Guidance is and what they can do, KUnet, and held talks about culture shock, academic life in Denmark, being an international student and practical matters such as taxes, CPR-number etc. Ditte will visit the students next week to follow up and talk about upcoming exams and the possibility to go on exchange later in the SDS programme. A general evaluation of Orientation Week is forthcoming.

**Ad 8) AOB**

The election process for student representatives for the SB will take place through November/December. The student representatives will spread the word and interested students will pitch their interest and ideas to the other students.