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Forum Board of Studies for the MSc in Social Data Science

Meeting held 5 November 2024, 11:30AM - 01.00PM

ØSTER FARIMAGSGADE 5
POSTBOKS 2099

Place 1.1.12 - Sodas Large Conference Room

Minute taker Andreas Stokke

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Members:

Nikolaj Arpe Harmon, Samantha Dawn Breslin, Rosa Ellen Lavelle-Hill, Andreas Bjerre-Nielsen, Gregory Eady, Csilla Duray, Sofia Noor Steensma, Janis Beginen, Valentina Yepes Montes, Simon Josef Durstewitz

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Attendees:

Kristoffer Langkjær Albris (Head of Studies)

Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda / Andreas (2 minutes)

Decision: The board must decide whether to approve the meeting agenda.

Approved

2. Orientation regarding: (15 minutes)

a. Exam complaint statistics for Fall exams 2023

See appendix 2.1.

Kristoffer: SDS had more complaints as a result of the summer 2023 exams.

Nicolaj: We have comparatively higher complaints compared to the other programmes. Moving forward it's a good idea to keep an eye on the number of complaints, and also on how many of them are rejected.

Andreas S. points out that a reassessment may result in a lower grade for the students. Reassessment will likely be done by another assessor.

Csilla: Students are aware that complaining likely won't change the grade.

b. Dispensation statistics for Spring 2024

See appendix 2.2

Kristoffer quickly runs through the statistics. The board has no further comments.

c. Credit transfer statistics for Spring 2024

See appendix 2.3

Kristoffer mentions that the appendix lists courses taken outside of SAMF, meaning the rest of KU and other universities.

The list is interesting with regards to the Masters reform, and the types of electives that students can expect to take.

Csilla mentions that the list might be useful for students to use when planning electives or exchange stays.

3. Hearing regarding SAMF Exam Catalog (45 minutes)

- a. **Hearing:** An exam catalog has been drafted presenting the framework and guidelines for exams conducted at the faculty. The deadline for hearing answers is the same day.

See appendix 3.1-3.4. Primary focus should be on points 1-10 mentioned in 3.1 (memorandum). Unfortunately, the Exam catalog has not yet been translated, but the memorandum covers the essential parts that need to be discussed.

Samantha mentions that there is likely an issue with regards to the SDS Basecamp course and the allowed duration presented in the catalog. Andreas S. makes a note of this.

4. News from the Student Guidance / Kristine (5 minutes)

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None

5. News from the students / Csilla (5 minutes)

There is a need for a new student representative in the credit transfer subcommittee. Csilla will follow up and the matter will be addressed at the next study board meeting.

There are some preapproval issues with regards to block 2. There was an issue with the deadlines vis-a-vis signing up for internships.

Kristoffer mentions that the programmes are based on block structure while the general deadlines work with a semester structure.

6. News from Head of Studies / Kristoffer (10 minutes)

- a. **Orientation:** Head of Studies will brief the board on the reform of the Master's programmes.

There is a committee with all the rectors where they are discussing programmes across all the universities. Programmes that are similar have to be based on the same conditions across the different universities.

We, along with the other short MA programmes, will be changed to 1 year programmes. From 2028 SDS will be converted.

7. AOB / Kristoffer (5 mins)

None

Yours sincerely,

Andreas Stokke
Programme Coordinator