



## NOTICE OF MEETING

30 MAY 2023

**Forum** Board of Studies at Global Development

**Meeting date** 11 May 2023, 13.00-15.00

**Place** 5.1.16

### Attendees

Christine Fast Lisby, Augusto Gonzales, Peter Hybschmann (Vice-chair), Atreyee Sen, Christian Lund, John Rand (Chair) and Sidse (Programme Coordinator).

### Agenda

**1. Approval of Agenda / John (5 minutes, 13.00-13.05)**

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

The board approved the agenda.

**2. Briefing on decisions regarding exemptions and credit transfer / Sidse (5 minutes, 13.05-13.10)**

**Orientation:** Sidse briefed the board on the exemptions made in the previous semester.

**3. Presentation of the Programme Report / John (15 minutes, 13.10-13.25)**

*Briefing and discussion:* John will brief the board on the Programme Report and the board is welcome to comment on it.

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**Briefing:** Overall the result of the report is positive, and all Key Performance Indicators (KPI) are being met.

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Over the next couple of years Study Leadership has promised to follow up/work on the following to improve the Study Programme:

- 1) Signed agreement between the four departments.
- 2) Strengthening the internship quality.
- 3) Rethink courses and exams to make them less exposed to ChatGPT and generative AI alike.
- 4) Strengthen the study environment: 4 initiatives are being developed and implemented.
- 5) Digitalization of more courses. Still uncertain how this should be processed.

#### 4. Curriculum / John (10 minutes, 13.25-13.35)

- a. Approval of minor changes, including course descriptions

- **Change of the course description and the location of Interdisciplinary Field Research:**

*Orientation and decision:* The HoS will brief the board on the possible change of course description and location (Appendix 4.1). The board should discuss whether to approve the change of course description and location according to the draft revision.

**Decision:** The board approved the proposed course description and the new location of the Interdisciplinary Field Trip.

John added that there is a need for teachers to be better informed about deadlines for course changes. This will be an item of the agenda of the next teachers meeting (31 May 2023).

#### 5. News from the students / Students (15 minutes, 13.35-13.50)

**Internship:** German students who apply for an internship at a German Embassy or the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development are being met with a demand of a statement from the university. The statement should say that the internship is a mandatory

part of the programme, and since this is not the case, the administration cannot state this.

**Decision:** John and Sidse will bring up the issue at the next team meeting in the administration to examine a possible solution to the issue.

**List of supervisors:** Students ask if there is a list of possible supervisors for the academic internship. John informed that students can choose a supervisor from one of the four departments involved in the study programme.

**Job Fair:** Peter informed the board about a future Job Fair that he is planning with students from Social Data Science and from Security Risk Management. The students have applied for funding from the Student Environment Fund to cover the expenses. The purpose of the fair is partly to strengthen the employability of the students just as, but it also serves to lessening the stress that students experience in regard to their work life post-graduation. Peter informed that he is going to need help and John informed that the new student assistant of GD can help with the planning and execution of the event.

**Complaint on facilities:** Students and teachers agree that room 22.0.19 is not suitable for lectures. There is no proper lighting, the projectors don't work. The chairs are bad, there are no windows, and the climate is poor.

**Decision:** Sidse will act on the complaint and ask for another room, which is suitable for lectures and for groupwork.

## 6. News from Head of Studies / John (10 minutes, 13.50-14.00)

### a. Employer Panel meeting

*Orientation: Head of Studies will brief the board on the employer panel meeting.*

John met with the Employer Panel Wednesday 10 May. Their main concern was the new course on climate. They agree that a climate-oriented course is needed in the programme, and they advised the study leadership to also include topics on transition and energy transition in the curriculum. They expressed their concern about the course being too academic, and they advise Study Leadership to make it a tool-oriented course. They furthermore advised the board to make it an interdisciplinary course, and John suggested to have it run by teachers from IFRO and IGN.

**b. EU/USB/DK Admissions**

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*Orientation:* Head of Studies will brief the board on the process.

John thanked the admissions committee for being quick and thorough in their assessment process. The process now lies in the Faculty admissions office.

Christine problematised the description of the study programme at [www.studies.ku.dk](http://www.studies.ku.dk):

- 1) The programme is being described to not be a critical degree
- 2) The alumni jobs are not relevant and/or updated.

John encouraged students to look at the [description of the programme](#) and send him feedback on what is missing/should be changed.

**c. Annual report by the chairmanship of the external examiners**

*Orientation and Discussion:* Head of Studies will brief the board on the annual report by the chairmanship of the external examiners. Does the report give rise to any changes to the programme?

The chair expresses satisfaction on the communication between external examiners, teachers and administration of the programme, but they advised the board to look at the formats of the following exam:

- 1) Internship based thesis: the format where the students perform the poorest.

**Decision:** the board decides to keep all formats of the Master Thesis, but it will examine how to improve the learning outcome of the Internship based format.

**7. News from the Student Guidance / Nina Stenvang Holmsgaard (10 minutes, 14.00-14.10)**

None.

**8. ChatGPT and similar generative AI and the summer exam 2023 / John (14.10-14.40)**

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*Discussion:* The board needs to discuss the permissibility ChatGPT and similar generative AI for exams during the autumn exam 2023 (Appendix 7.1 [ChatGPT and AI - for teachers - KUnet](#)).

**Briefing and discussion:** John informed the board on the situation, and he asked for the board to decide whether to permit ChatGPT and other generative AI or to continue the ban.

The board agreed that this is a topic that is here to stay and in the long run the board will have to look at both teaching and exam forms of courses of the study programme. John informed that ChatGPT will also be an Item on the agenda of the next teachers meeting.

For the future exams, the board awaits the policies of the central UCPH just as the Faculty has set up a task force to examine and develop best practices in regard to the generative AI.

**Decision:** For now, the board agreed to not permit Chat GPT and other Large Language Models for the summer exams 2023.

**9. News from the administration / Sidse Gutfeld Overbeck Ærstrøm (5 minutes, 14.40-14.50)**

*Orientation:* Sidse will brief the board about any relevant news from the administration.

*Extra meeting:* The study board will meet once more before the summer holidays. The date is set for 6 June 2023. This is being set up to:

- 1) Evaluated the Interdisciplinary Field Trip of Block 1
- 2) To approve a new course to replace the Thesis Data Collection course, which is being discontinued.

**10. AOB / John (10 minutes, 14.50-15.00)**

None.

Yours sincerely,

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Programme Coordinator