



MINUTES OF MEETING

7 OCTOBER 2024

Forum Board of Studies at Global Development

Meeting date 23 August 2024, 1:00PM – 3:00PM

Place 5.1.16

Attendees:

Atreyee Sen, John Rand, Anne-Mette Østergaard, Susanne Stoltz and Sidse Gutfeld Overbeck Ærstrøm

Absentees:

Erika Meilin Wu, Marta Dal Farra, Pippa Rose Watson and Christian Lund

Agenda

1. Approval of the meeting agenda / John (5 minutes, 1:00PM – 1:05PM)

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

Decision: The agenda was approved by the members of the board. John informed that the board is quorate when more than half of the members are present. Since only two members were present the board is in no position to make decisions. When processing the decision items of the agenda, the board will, hence, come up with recommendations for the board to approve by e-mail.

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2. Course evaluation – Global Business and Economics (7.5ECTS) and Economic Growth and Inequality (7.5 ECTS), block 4, 2024/ John (20 minutes, 1:05PM-1:25PM), CLOSED DOORS

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- a. **Orientation:** *Head of studies will present the results of the course evaluation for Global Business and Economics and Economic Growth and Inequality, block 4, 2024 (appendix 2.1), and the Study Board is welcome to contribute with their input.*
- b. **Decision:** *The board should decide whether to approve the suggested rating for Global Business and Economics and Economic Growth and Inequality, block 4, 2024 (appendix 2.2).*

Economic Growth and Inequality

Generally, the course was well evaluated, but the response rate was only 32% - the target response rate for the Faculty is 50% or above.

Approximately 75% of the respondents have rated the level of the course to be appropriately challenging. The qualitative result of the evaluation indicates that the course could be better coordinated, both in terms of the use of the Absalon Room, but also regarding the coordination between the different staff.

John remarked that only one teacher was subject to evaluation, and this is the second time this happens. Atreyee stated that this is simply not good enough. The admin team will make sure to follow up on this remark.

Recommended decision: The course was generally very well rated, but due to the low response rate, the members recommend a B-rating for the course.

Final decision: the Study Board approved the abovementioned, recommended decision by e-mail with deadline 4 October 2024.

Global Business and Economics

The response rate of 48% was just below the target of the Faculty and the course was generally rated to be well coordinated.

The qualitative result of the evaluation indicates too many repetitions between readings and lectures, and some indicate the level to be too challenging. Students suggest extra support for the quantitative part, and John remarks that this has been implemented in previous cohorts, but too few showed up. This could have been different with the cohort in question, but John notes that there might be a correlation between low participation and hours of preparation and the evaluation of the level of the course.

Recommended decision: The present members of the board recommend a B-rating for the course, and Head of Studies will follow up with teachers to avoid too many repetitions between lectures and readings.

Final decision: the Study Board approved the abovementioned, recommended decision by e-mail with deadline 4 October 2024.

- c. **Decision:** *The board must decide whether to continue with or revise the additional questions for the course evaluation for the coming academic year (appendix 2.3).*

Decision: The board members present suggest changing the setup of the additional questions to have students respond to the questions and not opting out by using the not relevant and neutral options. Sidse will examine the options, and John will elaborate a draft for the additional questions. The additional questions will be attached to the minutes to be approved by the board.

Final decision: the Study Board approved the revised additional questions by e-mail with deadline 4 October 2024. The additional questions will become effective with the evaluation of block 2 and onwards.

3. Plan for the work of the study board in the coming semester / John (5 minutes, 1:25PM – 1.35PM)

Decision: *the members of the board will discuss and plan future topics on the board. Furthermore, the board must decide when to meet during the coming semester.*

Recommended decision: The board will hold the next Study Board meeting Monday 4 November at 11:00AM. The planned meeting is aligned with the items from the annual cycle for the Study Boards, and

the plan of the work of the Study Board for the fall semester will be sent out to the board with these minutes. The Master's Reform is ongoing, and the Study Board will be invited to comment on Head of Studies' final draft for the pro-dean of education (deadline 15 November 2024).

Sidse informed the board that the members might be asked to process hearings by e-mail, and she reminded the members to check their KU email regularly.

Final decision: the Study Board approved the abovementioned, recommended decision by e-mail with deadline 4 October 2024.

4. Break (5 minutes, 1:35PM - 1:40PM)

5. News from the Student Guidance / Anne-Mette Østergaard, (10 minutes, 1:40PM – 1:50PM)

Orientation: Anne-Mette informed the board, that the Student Counsellors are understaffed, and this might affect the response time. Furthermore, she informed the board that she is working on improving the info for the international students.

The Study Start will take place in week 35, and John and Anne-Mette are looking forward to welcoming the new students. There have been some issues with the Study Orientation Room at Absalon, but this have been worked out.

6. News from the Students / Marta (20 minutes, 1:50PM – 2:10PM)

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7. News from Head of Studies / John (20 minutes, 2:10PM – 2:30PM)

a. September intake: Briefing regarding the September intake.

John informs that GD have admitted 58 new students to the programme, 12 USBs and two (three) students from the intake last year. The gender balance is better this year with approximately 32% male students. Not many Danish students and no students from UCPH (University of Copenhagen). John is doing a lot to increase the applications for the programme and a campaign is targeting 12 countries, but the campaign should maybe also be aimed at students at UCPH. Many enquiries from potential applicants from Colombia. South

America and Central America also respond to the campaign, and the Programme seems to compete with programmes in the States and in UK.

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- b. *Master's reform:*** *Update on the process of the master's reform.* Not many things new and Head of Studies are working on their proposal for the Prodean with deadline 15 November 2024. The final call will be in December 2024 and John expects for Global Development to become a one-year master's programme.
- c. *Graduation:*** *briefing regarding the Graduation, summer 2024.* Very well coordinated with good food and great execution of the event. Overall, a BIG success. The Food was catered from Mahalle and it was a great choice for the GD students. Only concern was that many teachers was already on vacation and couldn't participate. Next time the event should be planned prior to the teacher's vacation.

8. AOB / John (5 minutes, 2:30PM – 2:35PM)

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