

Meeting: 22nd March 2023 at 11.00-13.00

Place: 1481-366

UN-meeting, LICS

Minutes

Present:

UN members: Ethan Weed (chair of the meeting), Alexandra Kratschmer, Nina Vad Thomsen (stud. rep.)

UN LICS

Student alternates:

Suzan Kurt

Side 1/3

Observers:

Roberta Rocca, Riccardo Fusaroli, Marc Malmdorf Andersen, Andreas Højlund (via zoom), Anna Zamm, Lau Andersen, Jakob Steensig, William McGregor (via zoom), Christian Westh Stenbro (student guidance), Camilla Mark Thygesen (SNUK minute taker)

Absent:

UN members: Cordula Vesper, Mina Almasi (Deputy chairperson), Laura Bock Paulsen (stud. rep.) Ronela Beatrice Wagner Fredensborg Emma Risgaard Olsen, Emilie Munch Andreasen, Helle Skjøth Sørensen, Geertje Graehn, Suzan Kurt, Mia Jacobsen, Joshua Skewes (Head of Department), Sabrina Bækkelund Hansen (department coordinator)

MINUTES

1. Approval of agenda and follow up on the minutes from last meeting (decision)

The agenda was approved and there was no follow-up on the minutes from the last meeting.

2. Briefings (orientation)

2.1 News from the Board of Studies

Ethan Weed informed that the following were discussed at the last meeting:

- Rules for dispensations were discussed to find out more about the practice in the area. Especially the students had a lot of questions and it will be taken up again.

2.2 News from the Institute Forum

The representative were not present.

2.3 News from the student guidance

The representative from the student guidance informed:

- There was nothing to report.

2.4 News from Student forum (fagrådet)

No news.

2.5 News from staff

No news.

2.6 News from the study administration

Camilla Mark Thygesen presented the newsletter from Arts Studier, which is publicly available at: <https://medarbejdere.au.dk/fakulteter/ar/til-undervisere-paa-arts/nyhedsbrev-fra-arts-studier/>

3. Visit from the librarian

Librarians Sofie Baungaard Hansen and Johanne Rübner Hansen visited the UN meeting and gave short introductions about the services at AU Library and the Danish Royal Library offer. The concept of Cookies was presented which is a concept where a librarian can come visit either the department at a meeting or students in connection to teaching activities and tell about different subjects (small courses). Subjects for these visits could be Data management, PURE, NVivo and more. Information about this will be sent around to the department staff after the UN meeting.

Johanne will be the contact librarian for the department onwards, and can be contacted through johr@kb.dk. The librarian can also be contacted if any books need to be purchased for courses or research.

4. Degree programme evaluation of Linguistics

In the absence of the Head of Department, UN chairperson Ethan Weed presented the process. Head of Department has made a draft of the report and meetings are being held with the individual teachers to get feedback, and there is also a meeting set up with the entire staff group at linguistics.

4.1 *Presentation of evaluation focus and input (discussion)*

Ethan Weed presented the focus points in the evaluation report:

- Social integration which can lead to dropout
- Both the BA and MA are strong programmes independently. Not all students go from the BA to MA, but that is okay since the MA also attracts students from other BA programs. In general recruiting to the programmes is good.
- It is being discussed what can be done to make it more attractive for students to end up working in health and social services.

The UN has no comments on the focus points, since these will be discussed in more detail in the Linguistics group.

4.2 *The degree programme board provides input to a list of external experts (discussion)*

The UN discussed the list of external experts with a view to providing input before the head of department sends the list to the head of school.

The UN had no comments to the list of external experts.

4.3 *Employers for commenting on degree programme evaluation report (discussion)*

The UN discussed which employers from Linguists in the Wild and/or the [school's employer forum](#) (aftagerforum in Danish) should be offered the chance to comment on the evaluation report.

The UN supports the idea to use the people from the event Linguistics in the wild.

5. Orientation about changes to the academic regulations due to the removal of prerequisite requirements after review by the Dean's Office (orientation)

The Vice-dean for education has considered the proposals for changes to the academic regulations, which have been drawn up as part of the project on the removal of prerequisite requirements. The Vice-Dean has approved all the proposed changes.

Please note that the changes will not take effect until 01.09.2023 and that the range of courses in spring 2023 will therefore follow the current descriptions in the academic regulations.

The changes will be visible in the academic regulations 01.09.2023. Corrections to the autumn courses can be seen in the course catalogue already from 01.04.2023.

6. Diversity in the content of the degree programmes at the Faculty of Arts (Discussion)

Postponed to the next meeting due to a small number people present.

7. News from Head of Department (Orientation/discussion)

Postponed to the next UN meeting due to absence of the Head of Department.

8. Issues for upcoming meetings

8.1 Issues for upcoming UN meetings

8.2 Issues for upcoming meetings suggested for the Board of Studies