

**Meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 11.00-13.00**

**Minutes**

**Place: 1481-366**

**UN-meeting, LICS**

**Present:**

*UN members:* Jakob Steensig (UN-chair), Alexandra Kratschmer (VIP), Ethan Weed (VIP<sub>UN LICS</sub> SN-rep.), Victoria Engberg Lowe (stud. SN-rep.), Nina Vad Thomsen (stud. rep.)

**Observers:**

Andreas Højlund (VIP), Chris Mathys (VIP), Riccardo Fusaroli (VIP), Marc Andersen (VIP), Anders Højen (VIP), William McGregor (VIP), Suzan Kurt (stud. supp.), Christian Stensbo (student guidance), Joshua Skewes (Head of Department), Sabrina Bækkelund Hansen (department coordinator) and Camilla Mark Thygesen (SNUK minute taker)

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**Absent:**

*UN members:* Anne Christine Vig Jensen (stud. rep.)

**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**

The Board of Studies representatives informed that at there were no news.

**2.2 News from the Institute Forum (IF):**

The representative informed of some of the themes discussed at the last meeting:

- How to finance the administration of the dimensioning of Bachelors degree programmes.
- Climate discussion – there will be a tool in Power BI for registering
- A discussion of the economy in general and the fact that it often starts of very pessimistic and gets more optimistic along the way. Maybe this should be done differently.

**2.3 News from the student guidance**

No news

**2.4 News from Student forum/fagrådet**

No news

## 2.5 News from the study administration

The UN was informed about the newsletter from Arts Studier, which is available at: <https://medarbejdere.au.dk/fakulteter/arts/til-undervisere-paa-arts/nyhedsbrev-fra-arts-studier/>

Camilla Mark Thygesen informed that from September Lykke Kjerrumgaard Schelde will take over the post as UN-secretary.

## 3. Approval of course descriptions for Research Workshop (decision)

The Research Workshop will be the same as last year – Language Perception and Cognition.

Link to the course description: <https://kursuskatalog.au.dk/da/course/117976/Research-Workshop-Language-Perception-and-Cognition>

### *Decision:*

The degree programme board approved the course description for Research Workshop at MA Linguistics for the following semester (spring 2025).

### *Next step:*

The Head of Department sends the approved description to UVAEKA. The deadline for submission of electives is 14 September.

## 4. Making changes to academic regulations (orientation/discussion)

The UN was informed that it is possible for the degree programme boards to request that changes are made to existing academic regulations. This requires, cf. the review of degree programmes, that the academic regulations must have had a full run through at least once. Only minor changes can be made to academic regulations, and it is important to relate each change to the degree programme as a whole. It is only possible to make changes to the academic regulations before a full run through in the case of actual errors that need to be corrected in the interests of the students' legal rights.

Due to the fact that there are still many unknowns in relation to the upcoming reform of Master's degree programmes, Vice-dean Niels Lehmann asks the degree programme boards to consider carefully whether this is the right time to devote resources to developing the academic regulations, or whether, the challenges of the current academic regulations can wait until the revisions that are expected to be made in connection with the graduate reform.

### *Process for proposing and approving changes to academic regulations:*

Proposed changes to academic regulations are dealt with by:

- The degree programme board in October (or in November if this is possible before the board of studies meeting). The degree programme board proposes changes that need to be approved by the board of studies
- The board of studies in November, with the option to discuss the issue again in December. The board of studies proposes changes that need to be approved by the Dean's Office
- The Dean's Office in January.

Approved changes to the academic regulations take effect on 1 September 2025

It has been suggested to look at the description of group assignments along the degree programmes at cognitive science. To day there is a difference between the BA and the MA regarding which part of the assignment can be done in collaboration and which has to be individualized. Andreas, Josh and Camilla will look into this and make a suggestion that the UN can look at and approve. It was mentioned that this is not a problem at linguistics.

## 5. Election at AU (discussion/decision)

The UN Chairperson informs about elections at AU in the autumn of 2024, and the UN discusses what can be started in relation to recruitment of students for the Board of Studies and the UN.

The preliminary time schedule for the election can be found here: <https://medarbejdere.au.dk/strategi/universitetsvalg/tidsplan-2023>

The students asked for more information about how to make the list, and what it means to be on the list. It was explained that the list is for the election for the Board of studies and the first person on the list will be the representative and the rest will be alternates. But the list will also be for the UN, where there should be chosen 3 student members. It is a good idea to make a long list, to make sure that there are also alternates for the

It is important that someone is in charge of making the list, since it is very important, that the deadline is not overdue.

Camilla will send some more information to the students, and they will talk to fellow students to find out who is interested. It will also be discussed at the student forum.

### *Decision:*

The UN decided to select a student who can be responsible for setting up the election list, at the next UN meeting.

## 6. Issues for upcoming meetings

### 5.1 Issues for upcoming UN meetings

5.2 Issues for upcoming meetings suggested for the Board of Studies

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**7. AOB (Any other business)**

Nothing was mentioned here.

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