

Møde den: 31. oktober 2018 kl. 12.30-14.30
Bygning 1467 lokale 316
UN-møde, Globale Studier

Present:

VIP (dvs. medlemmer og suppleanter i studienævnet)

Anemone Platz, Christina Fiig, Peter Bugge, Uwe Skoda,

VIP-observatører: Andreas Steen, Georg Fischer, Manuela Ciotti, Gauri Pathak, Birgitte Pristed

Studerende (dvs. medlemmer og suppleanter i studienævnet): Jason Tran (kinastudier), Victor Lundhede Christensen (japanstudier), Mikal Nørholm Jensen (rusland- og balkanstudier), Maja Engelbreth Henriksen (ISA), Peter Langkilde Laesen (brasilianske studier), Marrit Henriette van Veen (IS)

Andre observatører og gæster:

Christian F Sand (brasilianske studier), Studievejledere IHO: Søren Carlsen Glensholm og Niels Duus Nielsen, afdelingskoordinator Anna Sønnichsen, Camilla Thygesen (ref.)

Ref: Camilla Mark
Thygesen

Dato: 1. november 2018

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Absent: Lukás Kuzma, Tenna Foustad Harbo

1. The agenda

The agenda was approved by the UN. It was decided to start with point no. 5 of the agenda, because two of the students had to leave early. The minutes from last meeting was also approved.

2. Briefings (max 15-20 minutter)

a. From the Board of studies

The agenda from the UN meeting is well connected to the agenda for the meeting in the Board of studies, which is very good.

Christina Fiig reminded the UN that the call for candidates for the election has finished and the election will take place on nov. 12.-15.

The point on the agenda about Studium Generale is important because the board would like to know more about the class, because of some issues in the evaluations.

b. From Head of Department.

Head of Department Uwe Skoda mentioned the importance of secure communication with the students. Due to the new data regulations, the teachers are not to respond to students sending mails from their own private email accounts. They should always use their AU email address. This will be announced to the students and if the teachers receive any mails from a private address, they have to ask the student to use their AU address.

The teachers mentioned that it is very difficult to find the student's email address, because it is only their student ID and not their name. They would like to have a register where they can find the students.

Uwe Skoda informed that all new instructors will be given a paper describing the new regulations and policies they have to follow. When this paper is ready to be send to the instructors, the UN will get a chance to discuss it.

Uwe Skoda mentioned the figures about dropouts after commencement of studies exam.

It was also mentioned that the department has a good economy for 2019.

c. From the degree programmes

Anemone Platz from Japanese studies mentioned that they have applied for support for the study, and they will now be able to hire an assistant professor for a couple of years. Other sections reported about their activities including conferences, guest scholars etc.

d. From the students

Maja Henriksen from India and South Asia Studies told the UN about their mentor program, which is going really good. It feels like it helps the students and they are taking up issues that will not be talked about without this program. The UN appreciates her efforts. Mentoring is a point that the UN should take up at a later stage.

There are candidates for the election from almost every study, except for Russian and Balkan Studies and European studies.

Fagudvalget encourages people to send information about social events outside of the University that could be interesting for the students at Global Studies. Send the information to gs.fagudvalg@gmail.com. It was suggested that the fagudvalg might also make their own events. They can apply for founding through aktivitetspuljen for example.

There has been some reports from students about discrimination from a language teacher. Some students feel discriminated based on their personal relations with a teacher. Department consultant Anna Sønnichsen reminds the students, that there is a page on the website that describes how to complain about the grading or other things.

This semester some students have experienced delays on their exams. If this continues during the next semester, the UN will have to contact the administration.

Marrit van Veen is the contact person for International studies while Tenna Harbo is away.

e. From student guidance

Events in November: MA first semester meeting about 3. Semester options is being held on nov. 15. at 12-14.

f. From study administration

It is important that the students remember to answer the questionnaire that has been send to their e-boks.

Aktivitetspuljen: Nov. 20.: deadline for applying for means for activities in the spring. <http://studerende.au.dk/studier/fagportaler/arts/kontakt/udvalgognaevn/midler-til-ekskursion/>

3. Teaching evaluation - Questions at UN-level (appendix 2)

Based on the discussion from the last meeting, these are the basic questions for the UN. The teachers are still allowed to make more questions. Discussion about question no. 2 because some classes have active participation as a prerequisite for the exam, while others haven't. And what does participation actually mean? Do the students have to be active for it to count? But they cannot change the phrasing until may next year. The UN agrees that the long version is the best, and that it is important to get the questions ready now.

4. International Studies, 2019 (appendix 3)

The draft can be commented on until November 14., where the SN will discuss the regulations. Send comments to Manuela or Julie
No major changes in the program. The reexams have been a major topic. The reexams are now correct according to the new regulations.

Comments:

There are no description of exchange or profile courses, because they are standard texts. But the students would still like to have them. It was mentioned that there are only one profile course for international students. Maybe it would be a good idea to make the procedure of taking a non-profile course easier.

Christina Fiig asked why they are grading internship reports. Manuela Ciotti answered that since they have always gotten positive internship evaluations, they will keep doing it. It helps motivate the students. It was also mentioned that methodology does not have a course in itself, but is a part of the individually courses.

5. Reform of supplementary subjects at Arts, 2018 (appendix 4)

The department has two working groups – on “Global Challenges” and on Languages - , working on propositions for new supplementary subjects. Vice dean Niels Lehman has responded to the comments on the Dogme 18 document. His response will be circulated among the members of UN.

Three pieces of information to be mentioned on UN:

- ITTU: not allowed to make separate 15 ECTS point for these students.
- Co-taught language teaching is not allowed.
- Minimum of 30 students. All courses that are offered will be taught even though there are not 30 students. Then after 2-3 years there will be looked at whether or not the subject will still be offered.

Employers panel meeting on nov. 13.: The students opportunity to show their wishes for supplementary subjects and to ask their questions. Two students are to attend the meeting and present a poster with the wishes from the students of Global Studies. Christian Sand, Peter Langkilde and Victor Lundhede will be in charge of this process with the help from Uwe Skoda. It could be a good idea to take this report about carrier opportunities into consideration: <https://medarbejdere.au.dk/fileadmin/www.medarbejdere.au.dk/hovedomraader/Arts/Uddannelseseftersyn/final.pdf>

6. Discussion of VEST report about study start (appendix 5.1, 5.2)

Peter Langkilde from Brazilian studies was head tutor this year and comments on the report.

- Some things has been disorganized.
- Some of the tutors didn't act appropriate, even though the head tutors had talked to them, explaining how to behave as a tutor. Maybe they should be more critical about choosing tutors.
- Some students found it difficult to find information, and they got some of the information to late.
- The figures are more positive than the comments.
- Only about half of the students have answered the evaluation.

The teachers mentioned that too much alcohol is an important subject. They have to remember the students who do not find it fun to drink every day. That is a general problem in the evaluations all over the university. The head tutors will make a document about how to organize the study start, for the head tutors to use next year.

7. Discussion of Studium Generale (appendix 6)

The UN will discuss this at the next meeting. It has to be ready for the Board of studies at dec. 1.

The fagudvalg will talk to some students before the meeting, to get some inputs on Studium Generale.

The teachers have met mainly positive reactions.

Studium Generale has been moved and is not on the first semester any more, which should have solved some of the problems.

8. AOB

Students from GLAS ask the student guidance about the courses they can take on their exchange. How much of a specific area focus does it have to be credit transferred? The teachers will discuss it in one of their next teachers meetings.

9. Issues for the next meeting 21. november

- Mentor programs on the different studies. Talk about the different ways to do it and learn from each other.
- discussion of Studium Generale