

**Meeting Subject**

**UN Meeting – Global Studies**

**Moderator:** Uwe Skoda

**Ref.:** Camilla Mark Thygesen

**Date:** Wednesday 20<sup>st</sup> November 2019

**Duration:** 14.00-16.00

**Present:** Peter Bugge, Uwe Skoda, Jason Tran, Cecilie Fogh Kavin, Jackie Van Tran,  
Observers: Raymond Yamamoto, Georg Fischer, Andreas Steen, Vladimir Pacheco, Christoffer  
Kølvraa, Birgitte Pristed, Gauri Pathak, Rikke Sønderby Nielsen, Frederik Korsbjerg, Gustav Brorholt  
Eskildsen, Liselotte Malmgart (Studieleder)  
From Arts Studier: Camilla Thygesen (ref.), Studievejledere IHO: Thøger Lautrup Knøss.

**Absent:**

Karen Inge Kristensen, Victor Christensen, Christian F. Sand, Asta Jensen Raae, Anna Sønnichsen

<b>Agenda item:</b>	<b>Discussion and conclusion:</b>	<b>Follow-up</b>
<p><b>1. Approval of agenda</b></p>	<p>The UN approved the agenda with no comments.</p>	
<p><b>2. Briefings</b></p>	<p>2.1 News from the Board of Studies  It was informed by head of department, Uwe Skoda (US) that the board of studies had discussed the decision about internal examination. Some students were afraid that there would be problems with bias in the assessment of their exams. But they were told, that they can still complain if they find it necessary</p> <p>US informed that the supplementary subject Addressing Global Challenges were discussed at the meeting and the board of studies wants to see it again in December, before they send it to the approval by the Vice Dean. The UN will see the regulation again before the next SN meeting in an email, and be given a chance to comment.</p> <p>2.2 News from the Head of Department  US had received some questions about how students can get support from SPS, and reminded the UN that this was mentioned in the newsletter from Arts Studier from October.</p> <p>US informed about a project about improving the webpage, au.dk/go with regards to Brazilian Studies and India and South Asian studies. Representatives from the student guidance and VEST will be working with this.  It was also mentioned that these two programmes will hire a mentor instead of using only volunteers. This is done as a pilot project for these two programmes that struggle with a high drop-out-rate and might be expanded later if successful.</p> <p>US and Director of school, Liselotte Malmgart (LM) informed about the upcoming reduction of re-exams. It will be implemented on all BA programmes except the first year. It means that the re-exam will only be offered in the exam period connected to the semester where the teaching is offered.</p> <p>US informed that Blackboard will be replaced by a new system called Brightspace which will be implemented in Autumn 2021. It was mentioned that this programme will be more intuitive and better to use on a phone or a tablet than Blackboard is.</p> <p>2.3 News from the student guidance  The present student counsellor informed about the following activities:  - Meeting with alumni  - Master programme day for the entire university.</p>	

	<p>- First semester meeting with the new BA students.</p> <p>2.4 News from the study administration Camilla Mark Thygesen (CMT) informed about the newsletter from Arts Studier, which included an announcement about how all the new supplementary subjects are visible online.</p> <p>CMT also informed about the result of the election for the Board of studies/UN. Due to different issues, unfortunately only two students had been running for election, so there will only be two UN student members next year. But observers from the other programmes will be encourage to come as well.</p> <p>It was mentioned that it could be a good idea to have someone come and present to the students, both the process of the election and what it means to be part of the boards.</p>	
<p><b>3. Briefing of the degree programme evaluation of International studies (orientation) (14.25-14.35)</b></p>	<p>US gave a short briefing of the evaluation meeting on the 23th October. He mentioned that it was discussed at the meeting how the evaluation came at a bad time due to the changes of the programme with regard to the new study regulation and language change. It was mentioned that the external experts who participated at the meeting also critically reflected on the changes. Together they went through all five sub-policies and initiatives to maintain the international identity of the programme and how to make the labor market more connected to the programme were discussed.</p> <p>The next step of the process is correcting the action plan, according to the comments from the meeting.</p>	US/Vladimir
<p><b>4. Paper describing "intern censur" (orientation) (14.35-14.45)</b></p>	<p>The UN were informed by LM, that the paper will be translated into English, and will be send around to the whole department.</p> <p>It was discussed whether this would affect the time limit for assessing assignments, which it should not. But it was mentioned as a good idea if the department sets some ground rules, so the teachers do not correct the papers in the last minute, and therefor do not have time to bring in a second assessment, if that should be needed.</p> <p>LM stated that it is important that the students know about the extra time for feedback during the semester, so they can claim their right, if they do not feel that the correct time for feedback has been given to them. Earlier in the fall the UN decided to look at the practice for feedback and the distribution of feedback time between the different courses. This will be done in the spring.</p>	CMT/US

<p><b>5. Lektiecafe (discussion) (14.45-15.00)</b></p>	<p>The UN discussed whether or not the fagudvalg should keep offering lektiecafe, when they have experienced that almost no students show up. It was suggested to place the café on Wednesday at 13 o'clock where almost all students don't have classes.</p> <p>The UN encourage the fagudvalg to keep up the initiative, but it is up to them if they want to try it again. They will discuss it at their meeting in December and it will be discussed again at the UN in January or February.</p> <p>I could be considered to ask the students to sign up, so they will know how many will come from time to time.</p>	
<p><b>6. Forms of BA-supervision (discussion) (15.00-15.15)</b></p>	<p>The UN discussed best practice for supervision for the BA-projects. It was mentioned that the joint course offered did not give the students what they expected. It was explained that the course is not meant as a replacement for the individual supervision, but that it is meant more as a general course, where students from all the different BA programmes will learn more about how to write a paper.</p> <p>The UN discussed the opportunity of making it into an online course, which some members did not feel would work, since the dialogue between student and teacher is very important. But in general it is a difficult course to teach, since the students are on such different levels in the process. And the students just started their supplementary subjects.</p> <p>It was suggested that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- teacher can have a meeting with students who have taken the course before planning it next year.</li> <li>- it would be a good idea to have small deadlines during the course.</li> <li>- it is important that the primary supervisor is available.</li> </ul>	<p>Teachers</p>
<p><b>7. Aktivitetspulje (decision) (15.15-.15.25)</b></p>	<p>The UN decided that they only want to accept applications from teachers, since it is their guaranty that it is relevant for the teaching. Students can apply through the board of studies.</p> <p>It was mentioned that it is not a good idea to provide support to study trips abroad if it requires flights, since it will open up for all the other courses to apply as well, and there will not be money enough for that. Students can apply through the board of studies.</p> <p>The UN decided to have a maximum of 5000 kr. per application.</p> <p>Honorary for guest lectures is normally payed by the institute, so the UN do not want to support extra curricular activities like this.</p> <p>The specific guidelines will be discussed and decided at a later meeting.</p>	<p>CMT/US</p>

	<p>The UN decided to support the following applications:</p> <p>Brasilian studies – cineclube: 900 kr          Brasilian studies – Trip to Copenhagen: 5000          European studies – trip to Copenhagen: 5000          India and South Asian studies – cultural festival: max 3000          China studies – trip to Copenhagen: 5000          China studier - Chinese Language and Chinese Dining Etiquette: 2000</p> <p>Total: 20.900</p>	
<b>8. Changes to existing study regulations (decision) (15.25-15.35)</b>	The UN approved the suggested changes.	CMT
<b>9. Mødeplan for foråret (decision) (15-35.15.40)</b>	<p>UN decided on the following dates for UN meetings in the spring:</p> <p>29<sup>th</sup> January 14.00-16.00          19<sup>th</sup> February 14.00-16.00          18<sup>th</sup> March 14.00-16.00          29<sup>th</sup> April 14.00-16.00          20<sup>th</sup> May 14.00-16.00</p>	
<b>10. Updates</b>	<p>10.1 Updates from the degree programs</p> <p>It was mentioned that there is a discussion going on about whether the importance of a cabin trip for new students are greater than the importance of giving tutors more money for their work.</p> <p>If anyone wants specific events mentioned in the minutes, they should write an email to CMT after the meeting.</p> <p>10.2 Updates from the students</p> <p>It was suggests to have a promotional meeting for GLAS applicants where older students come and present and promote the programme. This will be taken up at the departmental or a specific GLAS meeting.</p> <p>It was mentioned that it would be a good idea to also recruit student counsellors from the MA programmes.</p>	UN-members

<b>11. AOB</b>		
<b>12. Issues for the next meeting</b>		