

**Meeting Subject**

**UN Meeting – Global Studies**

**Moderator:** Uwe Skoda  
**Ref.:** Camilla Mark Thygesen  
**Date:** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
**Duration:** 14.00-16.00

**Present:** Peter Bugge, Anemone Platz, Asta Jensen Raae, Jason Tran.  
Observers: Georg Fischer, Andreas Steen, Birgitte Pristed, Gauri Pathak, Vladimir Pacheco.  
From Arts Studier: Christian Hansen (ref.), Studievejledere IHO: Niels Duus Nielsen.

**Absent:** Uwe Skoda, Christoffer Kølvrå, Jakob Kristen Winter Overgaard, Gustav Brorholt Eskildsen, Rikke Sønderby Nielsen

<b>Agenda item:</b>	<b>Discussion and conclusion:</b>	<b>Follow-up</b>
<b>1. Approval of agenda and follow up from the minutes from last meeting (14.00-14.05)</b>	<p>The agenda and minutes were approved without comments.</p> <p>Regarding the discussion last time, it was found out that rules regarding attendance have to be followed and that students with religious beliefs that keeps them from attending can not get a dispensation regarding attendance.</p>	
<b>2. Briefings</b>	<p>2.1 <u>News from the Board of Studies</u> Following items were on the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A best practice for running courses from Theology was presented and a similar practice will be made for IKS. The idea is to keep the suggestions at a minimum. There will also be a discussion about how to calculate student work regarding ECTS-courses and student relevant activities.</li> <li>• The climate strategy was discussed. The main critic was that the strategy lacked information on how the university will act with external actors.</li> <li>• There will be an evaluation of the portfolio exam form and the use of feedback in March.</li> <li>• The study board will this spring discuss compact teaching and what experiences the different departments have with it.</li> </ul> <p>2.2 <u>News from the Head of Department</u> The department has discussed sustainability, where suggestions/initiatives were discussed. Due to the absent of Head of department, there were no other orientations.</p> <p>2.3 <u>News from the student guidance</u> There are U-days coming up. The programs for the days are almost completed. Niels D. Nielsen is stopping as student counselor in the end of March. A replacement has been hired.</p> <p>2.4 <u>News from the study administration</u> News letter from Arts Studier was presented.</p>	
<b>3. Tilbage melding vedr. behandling af nye studieordninger og</b>	<p>The changes submitted have been approved so that students can take the re-exam in Aarhus now for the two courses taken in China at Master´s supplementary subject in China Studies and GLAS.</p>	

<p><b>studieordningsændringer i dekanatet (orientation)</b> <b>(14.25-14.30)</b></p>	<p>It was informed the work regarding new regulations for GLAS has started. Students will be involved in the process.</p>	
<p><b>4. Tidslige aspekter i specialer (beslutningspunkt)</b> <b>(14.30-14.40)</b></p>	<p>Peter Bugge explained that the reason behind the suggested change, which is that the formulation currently in the regulation is illegal. Arts studier had suggested a specific change in the formulation for the relevant academic objective in the Master´s thesis for Global area studies.</p> <p>Current academic objective: - independently define, plan and carry out an extensive study within a given time frame.</p> <p>Suggested academic objective: - independently define, plan and carry out an extensive study</p> <p>The UN approved the suggested change.</p>	
<p><b>5. The usage of aids for exams (discussion)</b> <b>(14.40-15.05)</b></p>	<p>The UN was asked to discuss any issues about the description of aids in the regulations. As it is now “all aids” means everything including all devices accessible through internet. The UN agrees that google translate is a dictionary.</p> <p>For the latest regulation it was changed so that exams either allowed all aids or no aids. There should not be restrictions regarding the usage of mobile phones as these are everyday use now for students. The usage of aids is connected to the exam difficulty and length. The item will be pushed to the next agenda aswell. The students will discuss it in fagrådet and China studies will look at what specific problems they have.</p> <p>There should be 3 categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No aids</li> <li>- Offline tools</li> <li>- Every tools including online tools.</li> </ul>	<p>The item will be pushed to the next agenda aswell</p>

<b>6. Aktivitetspulje (discussion) (15.05-15.20)</b>	<p>The UN were presented with the guidelines for applying for the activityfund. The UN were asked to discuss the guidelines and a possible deadline for the next application period.</p> <p>The UN had the following comments:  - For alcohol og tobacco and gifts, it should be possible to buy small gifts for under 200 kr. for guests. This possibility will be added.</p>	Uwe Skoda
<b>7. Upcoming evaluation of Unihelpr in March (orientation) (15.20-15.25)</b>	It was suggested to also add a student evaluation of the app for the March-meeting.	Degree programme coordinators
<b>8. Updates</b>	<p><b>8.1 Updates from the degree programs</b></p> <p>There were issues with the re-exam period for Rusland NU and Japan NU, which is a week-exam in the end of February. This makes the students taken the re-exam miss classes and increases the risk of the students dropping out.</p> <p><b>8.2 Updates from the students</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The students stressed again that preliminary syllabus for classes is put out at least two weeks before the first class.</li> <li>- The students would like to move the exam date for “Mundtlig sprogfærdighed 2” at ISA as it lies on date, where the students have class. The students will contact the teacher.</li> <li>- The students asked for allowed access to the existing a business communication supplementary subject offered by the English Dpt. to which Area Studies students currently do not have access. Christian Hansen orientated that the existing electives might be opened up for all students in the future.</li> <li>- The students would like to arrange a “Faglig Dag” for the whole department. This would help create a better community between the different degree programmes in the department. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o It could be something like the thing that do at History, where the students decide on a theme and invite teachers to come and give different lectures on the theme.</li> <li>o The UN agreed that this is a good idea and gave its support.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	- The UN meetings are open and all students are welcome to participate.	
<b>9. AOB</b>	On the website for the department the link for Japanstudier og Indien og Sydasien studier is missing. Uwe Skoda will follow up on this.	Uwe Skoda
<b>10. Issues for the next meeting</b>	There were no suggestions.	