

**Meeting Subject**

**UN Meeting – Global Studies**

**Moderator:** Uwe Skoda

**Ref.:** Camilla Mark Thygesen

**Date:** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Duration:** 14.00-16.00

**Present:** Peter Bugge, Uwe Skoda, Anemone Platz, Asta Jensen Raae

Observers: Georg Fischer, Andreas Steen, Vladimir Pacheco, Christoffer Kølvråa, Birgitte Pristed, Liselotte Malmgart (Studieleder), Anna Sønnichsen, Jakob Kristen Winter Overgaard

From Arts Studier: Camilla Thygesen (ref.), Studievejledere IHO: Nanna Østergaard Nøhr, Matthæus Zygmunt Pohl

**Absent:**

Karen Inge Kristensen, Victor Christensen, Christian F. Sand, Jason Tran, Cecilie Fogh Kavin, Jackie Van Tran, Gauri Pathak

<b>Agenda item:</b>	<b>Discussion and conclusion:</b>	<b>Follow-up</b>
<b>1. Establishment of a new UN (decision)</b>	<p>Uwe Skoda (US), head of the UN welcomed everyone to the meeting, and Camilla Mark Thygesen (CMT) gave a short presentation of the responsibilities and the most important work for the UN.</p> <p>Decision: Uwe Skoda has been selected chairperson and Asta Jensen Raae (AJS) has been selected deputy chairperson. It was mentioned, that there is a risk that none of the selected students in the UN, will be present in the fall since they both finish their BA in the summer.</p>	CMT
<b>2. Approval of agenda</b>	<p>The agenda was approved with minor changes: Item 7 would be moved up and become item 4, and there will be a new item 3, that would be an orientation about the situation for the students who have been told, that they cannot go to China to study in the spring, due to the outbreak of the Corona virus.</p>	
<b>3. The situation for the students at China studies (orientation)</b>	<p>Director of Studies Liselotte Malmgart (LM) informed about the situation in China, where several universities announced Monday, that they due to the Corona virus will not start their semester as planned. A letter has been send to the students to inform them about the situation. Since there is no knowledge about when the Chinese universities will start teaching again, it has been decided to offer teaching for the students hear in Aarhus. LM, the department and the administration is working on finding the best solution for the students within their study regulations.</p>	
<b>4. Internship for students at GLAS with winter intake (discussion)</b>	<p>The UN discussed the fact that the student counsellors have received questions about whether or not it is possible for students on winter intake to take their project placement on the first semester.</p> <p>There is nothing in the study regulations saying that the students cannot take the project placement at their first semester since there is no "progressions krav". But it is mentioned in the exam description of the project placement that the students have to reflect on their knowledge from the rest of the programme.</p> <p>Due to that information, the UN decided that both the teachers and the student counsellors should advise the students not to take the project placement at their first semester.</p> <p>It was mentioned that there is an academic progression on the other courses as well, that makes it more difficult for the students taking the courses in the order that it is on the winter intake line of the regulations.</p> <p>It was mentioned that the line for the winter intake might not be the best solution. But for the students at Russian studies and Brazilian studies it is necessary because the only have 30 ECTS language courses, which means that they finish their BA in January. These students may find it difficult to keep up their language level, if they take a break for 6 month without talking in their regional language.</p>	

	There will be a meeting on the 14th of February for GLAS where suggestions for changes will be discussed together with the upcoming process if the regulations should be revised.	
<b>5. Briefings</b>	<p>5.1 News from the Board of Studies It was informed that they have had their constitutional meeting and the last ordinary meeting for the old student members. The board of studies had approved the IV-courses for fall 2020 and spring 2021. There will be a clearer description of the exam of the IV-courses since there have been some confusion.</p> <p>5.2 News from the Head of Department US reminded the teachers to upload the curriculum plans two weeks before the teaching start. Both on Blackboard and on the O-drev so the teachers can see.</p> <p>An email about the climate strategy has been send around to the staff, and it is possible to comment via email and a lunch meeting.</p> <p>US thanked Nanna for her work in the student guidance and welcomed Matthæus Zygmunt Pohl as new student guidance for Russian studies.</p> <p>The guidelines for applications for the aktivitetspulje, will be presented at the next UN meeting.</p> <p>The course evaluations shows that some of the classrooms needs to be updated. If anyone experience anything in the rooms that needs to be taken care of they should contact bygningsservice.</p> <p>5.3 News from the student guidance There were nothing new to inform about.</p> <p>5.4 News from the study administration CMT informed about the News letter from Arts Studier. All students and teachers are invited to the this years "uddannelsesdag" on the 25th February. CMT will send the program to the members of the UN. Students leaving the UN can get a letter of recommendation if they contact US.</p>	
<b>6. New titel for Russian and Balkan Studies (orientation)</b>	The UN was informed about the approved title change of the Bachelor´s degree programme in Russian and Balkan studies. The new title will be Bachelor´s degree programme in Russian Studies. CMT informed that the Vice dean have approved a new technical study regulation from 01.09.2020 where the courses including Balkan in the course title will be changed.	CMT

<p><b>7. Teaching evaluations (discussion and decision)</b></p>	<p>It was mentioned that in the evaluation of one course it was suggested by the teacher to delete point 8 in the guidelines for evaluation made by the board of studies. The UN agreed not to include this comment in the evaluation report, since it is only mentioned by one teacher, and that none of the other teachers in the UN had a problem with point 8. It was suggested to add to the guidelines, that point 8 is particularly relevant for the larger classes. It was also suggested that this will be part of the evaluation of the guidelines in the board of studies.</p> <p>It was asked if it is a good idea to do the evaluation before the exam, since this might influence the results of the evaluations. It was explained that this is part of a larger evaluation policy that cannot be changed.</p> <p>The UN discussed that the questions selected by the UN is not suitable for the evaluation of the project placement. The course coordinator were asked to formulate some evaluation questions that fits the project placement, which will be presented at a later UN meeting, and can be added next time they can change the questions.</p> <p>It was suggested to use the evaluation of the projects placement more actively, so the experiences from the students and with the different working places can be shared.</p> <p>The evaluation of the evaluation process will be taken up at a later point in the UN together with the questions of making a “turnus ordning”, so that not all courses are evaluated every year.</p> <p>Decision: The UN approved the report by the head of department, with only small corrections.</p>	<p>US</p> <p>Vladimir Pacheco</p>								
<p><b>8. Studiestartsprøve (SSP) på kandidatuddannelsen i Globale område-studier – disciplin og prøveform (decision)</b></p>	<p>UN discussed the commencement of studies exam at the Master´s degree programme in Global area studies. It was mention that European studies also wanted the same type of exam, even though they was not the decision registered in the minutes from the UN meeting in October where it was decided.</p> <p>US will pass on the decision to Arts Studier to <a href="mailto:snuk.arts.aarhus@au.dk">snuk.arts.aarhus@au.dk</a> before the 1<sup>st</sup> March. After the meeting CMT found out that it is still possible for European studies to participate in the pilot project with this type of exam.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="568 1310 1664 1396"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="568 1310 853 1396">Uddannelse</th> <th data-bbox="860 1310 1066 1396">Disciplin, som prøven tilknyttes</th> <th data-bbox="1072 1310 1379 1396">Prøveform nr.</th> <th data-bbox="1386 1310 1664 1396">Prøvedetaljer</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Uddannelse	Disciplin, som prøven tilknyttes	Prøveform nr.	Prøvedetaljer					<p>US</p>
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	Kandidatuddannelsen i Globale områdestudier	Global History	1 – undervisningsdeltagelse (Quickly registrering)	1. forsøg: deltagelse i forelæsning (eller anden undervisning) i første eller anden undervisningsuge – det skal defineres hvilken undervisning og hvilken uge 2. forsøg: deltagelse i samme undervisning den følgende uge.	
<b>9. Active participation (15.30-15.40) (orientation)</b>	<p>The student counsellors have received questions about how instructor classes counts for active participation if the course requires 75% participation. The UN was informed that the rule about the 75% is that all the hours counts. It can be a problem if the course only has one blackboard course and one quickly and thus the instructors might not be able to register their hours, so it might have to be done manually.</p> <p>It is also sometimes a problem at Globale Area Studies, where some courses contains of many different activities. This will be discussed at the meeting in February amongst the teachers.</p> <p>It was mentioned that it is stated in the regulations that “At the start of the semester the teacher will announce in writing (on Blackboard) the teaching activities in which students are expected to participate”. This can be read as the teacher´s possibility to say that some certain activities do not count in the 75%. CMT explained that this is not how this sentence is meant, but that she will take the comment back to the administration.</p>			CMT	

<p><b>10. Updates</b></p>	<p>10.1 Updates from the degree programs</p> <p>AJR informed that the students are working on finding new students for the fagudvalg, since a lot of the old members are stopping.</p> <p>10.2 Updates from the students</p> <p>Russian Studies: It was mention that there are some problems with the re-exam for the students going aboard on their 3rd semester who fail their exam and needs to take the re-exam in Aarhus. They cannot take their oral exam via Skype, so they have to postpone it to September. This might call for a change in the regulations.</p>	
<p><b>11. AOB</b></p>	<p>It was mentioned that one teacher at the department has experienced that religious practices of the students can conflict with teaching. I can be a problem for some students to meet the requirements of 75%, due to this conflict.</p> <p>The UN were asked if anyone has experience anything similar. This was not the case, but it issue will be taken up at a departmental meeting. Head of department will inform the UN more about the guidelines at the next UN meeting.</p>	<p>US</p>
<p><b>12. Issues for the next meeting</b></p>		