

Meeting Subject

UN Meeting – Global Studies

Moderator: Uwe Skoda

Ref.: Camilla Mark Thygesen

Date: Wednesday 21th April 2021

Duration: 14.00-16.00

Present: Members: Uwe Skoda, Anemone Platz, Georg Fischer, Mette Thunø, Birgitte Pristed, Gauri Pathak, Vladimir Pacheco, Jan Ifversen, Raymond Yamamoto.

Observers: Jakob Kristen Winther (student guidance)

From Arts Studier: Camilla Mark Thygesen (ref.), Amanda Krogsgaard Timmermann (Arts Studier)

Absent:

Studieleder Liselotte Malmgart, Frederik Korsbjerg, Louise Buchhave Carstens, Lilia Prelevic, Jonatan Bolwig Balladone, Anna Sønnichsen, Rikke Bundgaard

Agenda item:	Discussion and conclusion:	Follow-up
<p>1. Approval of agenda and follow up from the minutes from last meeting</p>	<p>The agenda was approved with no suggested points under AOB.</p>	
<p>2. Discussion with Amanda Krogsgaard Timmermann / well-being coordinator at Arts Studier (Discussion)</p>	<p>Amanda Krogsgaard Timmermann (AKT), the new well-being coordinator from Arts Studier, visited the meeting to present her work concerning the well-being of students at Arts.</p> <p>The well-being of students has always been a large focus in the university strategy, but under the corona pandemic this has become even more important. There are already a lot of initiatives on securing well-being for students from the guidance department (VEST). AKT's role is to focus primarily on student driven activities and student organizations.</p> <p>AKT has created a network for student organizations at Arts. She also supports new local well-being initiatives, and work with well-being funds that the different department can apply for, once it is settled.</p> <p>AKT will send around her presentation after the meeting, where different useful links can be found.</p> <p>Comments and questions from the UN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The department has different initiatives across the programmes, but also for the individual programmes. These can be send to AKT to become part of the idea catalogue. - Members of the UN asked about the mentioned well-being funds. AKT answered that right now they are working on finding out how the funds should work, but it will probably be possible for both students and teacher-student collaborations to apply for funds. - Can AKT help communication about events going on at the department? To this it was answered that it is possible for her to go through the communication department, or maybe use the newsletter. So they can ask her, and she will see if she can help. But the best way is often using the forums already established e.g. via the fagråd. - It was asked if AKT can support the existing mentor programmes at the department. To this it was answered that this is not part of her role for the moment, since it is considered a department driven activity. - AKT informed the UN that Studenterrådet has an initiative called the "buddy programme", which they are looking for departments to participate in. AKT will ask the coordinator to contact Head of Department for more information about this. 	

<p>3. Briefings</p>	<p>3.1 <u>News from the Board of Studies</u> Uwe Skoda (US) informed about the issues from the last Board of Studies meeting: - Arts organization was on the agenda, and the different departments presented their own view on it. Some departments felt that it was not that relevant for them, while others including Global studies, find it very important. Overall the board of studies would not suggest a fourth school for language courses. Overall they feel that the SN at IKS is a well-functioning body in an equally well-functioning school. The chairperson will summaries the points that will be send to the management. - The working group for quota 2 applications are not yet settled. If anyone from the department of Global Studies are interested, they are welcome to contact US.</p> <p>3.2 <u>News from the Head of Department</u> US mentioned that following points: - Re-opening of campus: Mails have been send around describing the requirements for tests, when coming to the campus. It was explained that both quick test and PCR counts. - The exams will be online since there is still a risk for local lockdowns. The form of the exams can be found on the corona pages. - The number of students on campus can be raised from 20% to 30%, but it has been decided not to change the teaching at this point in the semester. So it will be used for study groups to meet on campus or question sessions. - The distance demand has been changed to 1 meter. This can have an effect for the teaching in autumn. - There has been a discussion of quota 2 with the Director of Studies at a departmental meeting. The department are working on initiatives on recruiting more students via quota 2. - Applications for the activity fund will be on the next UN meeting. Each degree programme are asked to priorities their applications to help the UN deciding.</p> <p>3.3 <u>News from the student guidance</u> The representative from the student guidance informed about the following: - All semester meetings have been held. All students were happy to see each other, and the opening for the opportunity for them to meet on campus. - A problem with the exam dates at Russian studies were mentioned, but this has been fixed prior to the meeting. - The rest of the semester is usually quiet for the guidance.</p> <p>3.4 <u>News from the study administration</u> CMT informed about the newsletter from Arts Studier, which can be found here: https://medarbejdere.au.dk/fakulteter/ar/til-undervisere-paa-arts/nyhedsbrev-fra-arts-studier/)</p>	<p>CMT</p>
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4. Break		
5. Annual status review 2021 (decision)	<p>US presented the process for this year's annual status review, which will consist of a general discussion at this meeting, and a more details discussion including approval of the actions plans at the next meeting. The actions plans can contain both actions that goes across the programmes, but also actions for each individual programme.</p> <p>The UN decided that the discussion at the next UN meeting on the basis of the action plans, should focus primarily on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dropout – both on the first year and later in the study. - Recruiting students under the new rules - transition from BA og MA - broadly on well-being <p>Besides these points the individual programmes will have to focus on the points relevant for them in the action plans.</p> <p>It was mentioned that even though some of the points above are not directly linked to the indicators in the data set, it is still important points for the UN to discuss and can still be added to the action plans.</p> <p>Each degree programme coordinator should send the draft for the actions plans to US and CMT by the 18th May.</p> <p>Jan Ifversen (JI) gave an update on the degree programme evaluation for European Studies. He has made a list of external experts to include in the evaluation, and the next step is to look in to the data and begin the evaluation report. At the next UN meeting, the UN will have a chance to comment on the chosen focus points on the evaluation on the background of this year's data.</p>	<p>Degree programme coordinators</p> <p>CMT</p>
6. Commencement of studies exam on Master's degree programmes – pilot project (decision)	<p>Uwe presented the topic and the questions to the UN. The degree programme coordinators explained their chosen model, and informed that they had all had good experiences with it.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>International studies: there are no need for any change</p> <p>European studies: there are no need for any change</p> <p>Global and area studies: there are no need for any change</p>	

	CMT will send this information to the relevant partners in Arts Studier.	CMT
7. Discussion of internal organisation at ARTS (discussion)	<p>US explained that the UN and the Board of Studies have been asked to give their opinion on the suggested changes on the organization of Arts. US asked the UN if they want to give an answer and if such in which form.</p> <p>It was suggested, that even though there is a certain overlap between UN and departmental meeting (with the department drafting a response), that it would be a good idea to make a statement, by sending both. It was suggested to try to involve the students as much as possible.</p> <p>It was informed that the school of IKS declines the idea of a 4th School at Arts in their letter of answer.</p> <p>Overall the UN are against the suggestion of making a fourth school gathering the language programmes.</p> <p>Points suggested for the answer: - The language degree programmes at the Global Studies are open to working on the language strategy along with the other language programmes, but it does not require a reorganization in the way it is described. - Global studies are very well placed in the current structure, and do not wish to change the current structure. - The UN are concerned with the lack of transparency in the economy of this solution.</p> <p>It was decided that US will write a draft for an answer from the UN and send around for approval.</p>	US
8. Updates	<p>8.1 Updates from the students No students were present at this point of the meeting.</p> <p>8.2 Updates from the students All degree programme coordinators gave an update.</p>	
9. AOB		

<p>10. Items for upcoming meetings</p>	<p>The new appendix for this item presents the items mentioned at previous meeting as suggested items.</p> <p>Items for the May meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approval of plans of action (part of the annual status review 2021) - Status and discussion of degree programme evaluation at European Studies - Transition between BA and MA (awaits result from an ongoing survey) - How to motivate more students to attend the UN meetings. <p>The other points on the list can wait for later meetings. The UN are always welcome to suggest items to be put on the list and give input to the prioritization of the items.</p>	<p>CMT</p>
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