

Meeting Subject

UN Meeting – Global Studies

Moderator: Uwe Skoda

Ref.: Sine Gyde Meler

Date: 30 march 2022

Duration: 14.00-16.00

Present

Members VIP: Uwe Skoda, Anemone Platz

Members Students: Frederik Korsbjerg, Malthe Melskens Thomsen, Magnus Rønne Møller

Observers: Derek Pardue Brazil Studies (VIP), Christina Fiig (VIP), Jeremy Morris (VIP), Mikal Nørholm Jensen (Studievejledere IHO), Maria Rohde Jensen (student), Vladimir Douglas Pacheco Cueva (VIP), Hagen Schulz-Forberg (VIP) and Sine Gyde Meler (Arts Studies, ref

Absent Chun Zhang (VIP), Gauri Pathak (VIP), Frederik Edsberg Hansen (student)

Agenda item:	Discussion and conclusion:	Follow-up
1. Approval of agenda and follow up from the minutes from last meeting	The UN approved the agenda for the meeting and followed up on the minutes from the last meeting. Uwe Skoda informed that European studies will be evaluated in the UN-meeting in April.	
2. Briefings (14.05-14.20)	<p>2.1 News from the Board of Studies Uwe Skoda informed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The wellbeing coordinator has been appointed for another year. If the UN have any ideas for improving the study environment, they can contact Amanda Timmermann via atim@au.dk. - The IV electives for autumn 2022 and spring 2023 has been posted in the course catalogue. - The board of studies discussed the suggestions for three new profile courses which is a part of the pilot project of extending the 3rd semester course portfolio on the master's degree programmes on the faculty. <p>The minutes from the Board of Studies Meetings can be found here</p>	

	<p>2.2 News from the Head of Department Uwe Skoda informed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The new head of the school on IKS will be Andres Roepstorff, and he will start on the 1st of April. - The government and other parties have reached an agreement on the plan “Flere og bedre uddannelsesmuligheder i hele Danmark”. There will be a reduction in study places for the whole faculty of Arts and AU. It will have some economic consequences, but there is not yet a detailed plan, but the departments will be informed as soon as possible. - There will be an option for students from Ukraine to study at A, the form for this is not yet ready. <p>2.3 News from the student guidance The student guidance informed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There have been held semester meetings on both the BA and MA programmes. - The students have a lot of questions regarding the Master Thesis. <p>2.4 News from the study administration Sine Gyde Meler informed that the newsletter from march can be found here. The headlines are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wellbeing coordinator appointed for another year - Internationalisation electives (IV electives) for autumn 2022 and spring 2023 have now been posted in the course catalogue - Arts Education Fair 2022 - Events to strengthen the motivation, balance and exam technique of our students - Power BI workshops 2022 – annual status reviews and degree programme evaluations 	
<p>3. Orientation and updates about the situation for students at Russia studies (14.20-14.30)</p>	<p>Uwe Skoda gave UN a status about the situation for the students from Russia Studies that have been abroad in Russia and are back in Aarhus. There have been a lot of concerns about the student’s safety and well-being and the students were asked to come home. All the students have now been offered alternative courses and options placed in Aarhus. Uwe Skoda thanked all the teachers at Russia Studies for acting quick and under a lot of pressure, to find solutions for the students.</p> <p>There are still a lot of questions about the future planning for the students at Russia Studies and their options for going abroad.</p>	

<p>4. Evaluation of project placement (item for discussion) (14.30-14.50)</p>	<p>The UN discussed and commented on the evaluation of Project Placements for E21 from students and project hosts. Project coordinator Vladimir Douglas Pacheco Cueva gave a brief presentation of the written summary of the evaluations (appendix 4.3).</p> <p>Some general points from the evaluation were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The students are overall happy with the project placement, but some students commented that they wished for a clearer description of their assignments from their hosts. - Some students wish for more supervision during the project placement, currently the main supervision there is regarding the final reports that they must write. - The UN discussed whether the submission day could be moved to January. The current submission date is in December for the whole faculty of Arts and for some students it's a problem because it gives them a short period to write the report. Some of the teachers pointed out that if the submission date is to be moved it could interfere with the Master Thesis, which some students begin writing in January. <p>Uwe Skoda will take the main points from the discussion back to the Board of Studies for the meeting in April. Where he will also clarify the UN's questions regarding the exam dates, the placement of the project placement, what the procedure is on other degree programmes and the options for moving the dates.</p>	
<p>5. Discussion regarding the submission deadline for reexamination in the BA-project (item for discussion) (14.50-15.00)</p>	<p>The Board of Studies has urged the UN to discuss the deadline for submission of the reexamination for The Bachelor project. Because some students have expressed that they find the period between the assessment deadline for the ordinary examination attempt and the deadline for the reexamination on The Bachelor project relatively short.</p> <p>The UN had no comments to the item and Uwe Skoda will inform the board of studies about this.</p>	<p>Uwe Skoda</p>
<p>6. The degree programme board provides input to a list of</p>	<p>The head of department presented the UN with an overall list of external experts which has been produced by the head of department after receiving input from the teachers involved in the degree programme evaluation.</p> <p>The UN did not have any comments for the list but supported the submitted candidates.</p>	<p>Uwe Skoda</p>

<p>external experts (degree programme evaluation) (item for discussion) (15.00-15.20)</p>	<p>The list of external experts will be sent to the head of school for final approval primo May.</p>	
<p>7. A presentation of the quota 2 campaign (orientation) (15.20-15.35)</p>	<p>Uwe Skoda gave an update on the recruitment / quota 2 campaign for Brazilian Studies, India and South Asia Studies and Russia Studies which included videos as a central tool. The campaign has been advertised on several social medias, Facebook, Instagram and Youtube and the responses have been very positive. Besides the videos, the campaign also included updating the studyguide etc.</p> <p>Hopefully the department can apply for funding for another campaign to target the other degree programmes. The UN was positive about the campaign.</p>	
<p>8. “Studiepraktik” (Item for discussion) (15.35-15.45)</p>	<p>The UN was given a brief introduction to the tentative programme for the “studiepraktik”, which will take place in autumn 2022.</p> <p>The UN was asked to comment on the tentative programme.</p> <p>The UN was overall positive about the programme and discussed how the Studium Generale can be offered. They noted that it is important that this course is not too abstract but it’s also important to introduce the course if the programs wish for it. It is a balance between these two considerations. Uwe Skoda will talk to the teachers and discuss how they can plan this.</p>	
<p>9. Updates</p>	<p>9.1 Updates from the students China Studies: - Many students are worried that they can’t go to China in the next round.</p> <p>Russia Studies:</p>	

- The students had a meeting arranged by Jeremy Morris, the meeting was scheduled because of the current situation in Russia, and to bring the students together. The outcome was very positive, and they are planning a new meeting.

India and South Asia Studies:

- The programme had a holi event some weeks ago
- The students abroad are doing well
- 6th and 8th semester students are talking about how they can go to India and apply for the funds for the summer universities.

International Studies:

- The students are currently looking for internships and are wondering why they cannot go abroad in the fall semester and not in the spring semester. The student guidance also talked to the students about this on the last semester meeting. The teachers informed that most students always find an internship.

9.2 Updates from the degree programmes

India and south studies:

- There have been workshops this week about “the good life” – it was hybrid with participant from around the world.

Japan Studies:

- Not all students can't go to Japan unfortunately, which impacts the mood amongst these students.

European studies:

- Are working with implementing the action plans in light of the degree programme evaluation and the process of reading student admissions have started.

International studies:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The global studies consortium is in the planning and will be held in June as an online meeting. The program and more details will be sent around to the department. 	
<p>10. Suggested points for upcoming meetings</p>	<p>Points for upcoming UN meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthening the social environment across the department - Evaluation of the buddy programme / mentorordning - Alumni initiatives - Employabilty 	