

Meeting: 25th of October 2023 at. 14.00-16.00

Building 1467, room 316

UN-meeting, Global Studies

Minutes

Present

Members VIP: Uwe Skoda, Birgitte Pristed, Georg Fischer,

Members Students: Frederik Edsberg Hansen og Sofie Lambertsen.

Observers: Christina Fiig, Chun Zhang (VIP), Hagen Schulz-Forberg, Studievejlere IHO, Julie Schultz Pedersen Lorensen (department coordinator), Kim Behrens Jessen (Arts Studies, point 1-3) and Sine Gyde Meler (Arts Studies, ref).

Absent: Karoline Thode Fogh, Jakob Frederik Thomsen, Julia Ieva Jørgensen, Anemone Platz Daniela Lange Andersen, Jonas Østvand Matthiesen

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Side 1/5

1. Approval of agenda and follow up from the minutes from last meeting (14.00-14.05)

UN approved the agenda and Uwe Skoda (US) followed up on the last meeting in September and the discussion about stress during the exams and informed that a represent from VEST will be joining the November meeting.

2. Briefings (14.05-14.20)

2.1 News from the Board of Studies

US informed about points from the last SN-meeting in October:

- SN discussed the introduction week and the need for more instructions and information about conflict managing to the tutors. There was also a discussion about guidelines for "hytteture".
- In December SN will have a workshop about study environment– it will be the students who are responsible for theme discussion.

[See agenda and minutes from the SN-meetings online](#)

2.2 News from the Head of Department

- US informed that the student survey 2024 is out and students are encouraged to respond. US will send slides for teachers at the department to show in the classrooms.
- The deadline for the activity fund applications is coming up, a mail with details and deadline will be sent out.

- The faculty management are encouraging the departments to use the alumni network/database and to update is regularly. US informed that Julie Schultz Pedersen Lorensen (JSPL), is also chairing a working group about the department's alumni network.
- There were questions from UN if teachers get time to establish and maintain contact with alumni, because it takes a lot of resources. US will mention it to the faculty management.

2.3 News from the student guidance

- The "studiepraktik" is running in week 43 and almost all the degree programmes from the department were represented. In the next meeting in November the student guidance will give a brief update about the week.

2.4 News from the study administration

Newsletter from Arts Studier ([click here](#))

3. Approval and proposal of new academic regulations (item for decision)

The degree programme board discussed the new academic regulations for MA International studies and MA GLAS. Kim Behrens Jessen (KBJ) attended the meeting. US informed that there have been minor changes to the two academic regulation and the focus have been on the co-taught courses: Global Politics, Modern Global History and Project management. There are also minor changes to the course Regional Perspectives on Global Issues. There are no changes to other courses and Learning outcomes (kompetenceprofil). UN had following comments:

International studies 2024:

- Christina Fiig (CF) raised a question about variation in the written exams at the 1st and 2nd term. And pointed out that IS-students would benefit from one more take-home assignment (free, written paper) to train the skills furthermore like it is the case at European Studies. ES runs a take-home assignment (free, written paper) at both the 1st and 2nd term.
- Hagen Schulz-Forberg (HSF) informed that the students are trained and tested in their written skills throughout the semesters and in the current exam formats.

MA Global area studies 2024:

- Birgitte Beck Pristed (BBP) had a suggestion to a new formulation in the course: Regional perspectives and Global issues. The Current formulation is: "Kurset består af både et hovedkursus og områdespecifikke lektioner." The Suggested change: "Kurset består af et hovedkursus med områdespecifikke perspektiver." The UN agreed to implement the suggestion.

Intercultural analysis:

- Language teachers have raised the issue that the current exam format where students are to record a translation is challenges by AI. Teachers worry that they do not have a change to verify if it in fact the students who

make the recording themselves. There were suggestions from UN that the recording should be a video and that the students make the oral presentation in class. KBJ informed that it is an area where the university are currently working on guidelines, but they are not ready yet. It was decided that a formulation/solution will be discussed in a working group after the UN-meeting with KBJ.

Side 3/5

Decision:

The degree programme board approved and submitted the new academic regulations to the board of studies for discussion at the November meeting. With the note that the above suggestions are implemented and that a working group (language teachers and SNUK) will try to find a solution to the exam for “Intercultural analysis”.

4. Approval and proposal of changes to academic regulations (item for decision)

The degree programme board discussed changes in the following academic regulations:

1. BATV Addressing Global challenges – multiple subjects – adding one sentence about the teachers forming the groups.
2. BATV Addressing Global challenges - Migration and mobilities – change to the exam formulation.
3. BATV China studies elective topic - specified in the academic regulation/course catalog which electives students can chose.

Decision:

The degree programme board approved all the changes for suggestion 1 and 3 but for 2: Migration and mobilities, UN decided not to approve the suggestion to remove the possibility of an individual exam but approved the suggestion to change the scale of the written exam. SN will discuss the suggestion at the November meeting.

5. Actionplans for annual status review and teaching environment assessment (item for decision)

US gave a status about the Actionplans for the annual status review (årlig status) after the plans have been approved by the head of studies. US also gave a status of the assessment of teaching environment action plans (UMV). Two themes were highlighted:

Study environment

- A lot of actions have been made e.g., with help from the “trivselsmidler”. T
- The Mentoring programme is implemented and still going on but takes a lot of resources to keep going. JSPL suggested to have an evaluation of the programme and present the result at an upcoming UN-meeting. Furthermore, the wellbeing coordinator have been invited to an upcoming UN-meeting, so the study environment continues to be a focus point in the department.

Employability:

- The UN have previously had Arts Career to visit the UN and have a presentation about competences, and CED. There was a suggestion to invite a representative from Arts Career again to the UN.
- There were comments from teachers that they miss a guide on how to do incorporate employability in their teaching. Therefore, there might need to be a further discussion about this at the department.

Decision:

The degree programme board decided to keep focusing on the Study environment and employability on the agenda in the coming year with the above suggested points.

6. Presentation of new writing workshop on the MA programme

Christina Fiig (CF) introduced a workshop which are to be implemented at European Studies, due to a new structure on the time schedule at the degree programmes on the department. CF informed that the writing workshop will be in week 12 and the idea is that the students can begin on their take home assignment earlier. The writing workshop will be part of one specific course and mainly be about academic writing tools.

HSF informed about the ideas at International Studies where the plan is to set-up different workshops one about academic skills, one about reading techniques and one about research design. The teachers can choose which workshop they wish to teach, and the workshops will be rotating each term.

UN would like to have an evaluation of the workshops in May or June so the degree programmes can share their experiences with the different workshops and maybe adjust them.

7. Updates

7.1 Updates from the students

7.2 Updates from the degree programmes

Overall, it's going well on the different degree programmes with lot of different activities going on.

8. Suggested points for upcoming meetings

Points for upcoming UN meetings:

- Discussion about the use of Chat GPT AI (November)
- "Entry on the labor market" (November/December)/Career event
- Further discussion about expectations between teachers and students for oral exams – with visit from the student guidance (November)
- Formidlingsservice

9. AOB

Nothing to the point.
