

Meeting: d. 25. January 2023 at. 14.00-16.00
Building 1467, room 316
UN-meeting, Global Studies

Agenda

Present

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

Uddannelsesnævn Globale Studier

Member Students: Daniela Lange Andersen, Jonas Østvand Matthiesen, Julia Ieva Jørgensen, Jakob Frederik Thomsen og Sofie Lambertsen.

Dato: 25. January 2023

Observers: Christina Fiig, Chun Zhang, Vivek Kumar Shukla, Studievejledere IHO, Julie Schultz Pedersen Lorensen and Sine Gyde Meler (Arts Studies, ref)

Side 1/4

Absent: Hagen Schulz-Forberg, Frederik Edsberg Hansen og Karoline Thode Fogh.

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

The UN approved the agenda and there was no follow-up from the meeting in November 2022.

2. Establishment of the new degree programme board – as of 1 February) 2023 (item for decision) (14.05-14-15 min)

The degree programme board elected Uwe Skoda (US) as the chair and Julia Ieva Jørgensen as deputy chair. The members and alternates in the UN from 1.02.2023:

VIP Members	Student Members	VIP Alternates
Uwe Skoda	Frederik Edsberg Hansen	Chun Zhang
Birgitte Pristed	Daniela Lange Andersen	Christina Fiig
Georg Fischer	Jonas Østvand Matthiesen	Vivek Kumar Shukla
Raymond Yamamoto	Julia Ieva Jørgensen	Hagen Schulz-Forberg
	Karoline Thode Fogh	
	Jakob Frederik Thomsen	
	Sofie Lambertsen	

3. Briefings (14.15-14.35)

3.1.1 *News from the Board of Studies*

US informed about points from the last meeting. The agenda and minutes from the meeting in the Board of Studies can be found [online](#).

3.2 News from the Head of Department

US informed that:

- There is plan on setting up a working group, who will be responsible for coordinating career initiatives in the department, so all the initiatives and events can be more structured. Julie Schultz Pedersen Lorensen will be in head of the working group.
- There was a remark from the student guidance to include the student guidance and other in the work, so all interest is represented in the group.
- The language courses are going very well, and the response from students who wish to attend the courses have been very positive.

3.3 News from the student guidance

The student counselor informed that:

- “Karriereveje” is moved from the autumn semester to the spring semester because the demand seems higher at there.
- More students attend the events that student guidance set up this semester than the last semester which is very positive.
- There is an Alumni event coming up, there was a suggestion to link to it via the [Global Studies webpage](#).

3.4 News from the study administration

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

- [New online portal](#) to support quality assurance at AU
- Rota plan for degree programme evaluations at the Faculty of Arts
- Students with disabilities
- AI chatbots banned from exams

4. Summary of degree programme evaluation meetings (14.35-15.00)

US informed the degree programme board about the results of degree programme evaluation meetings and highlighted possible degree programme initiatives which have been incorporated into the revised plans of action.

US informed that the workload was very high last year because of the many evaluations. Even though the workload was high, the joint evaluations meetings also gave inspiration on how to solve challenges with goes across the degree programmes and there were ideas that all the degree programmes can benefit from. A range of issues and challenges came up which often are task to “square the circle”, i.e. strengthening the global within GS, but maintaining the focus on the region and disciplinary tradition or broadening recruitment while maintaining language requirements (GLAS) etc. Some of the subjects were: strengthening the recruitment and marketing, focus on strengthening the social environment across the department, keeping an eye on study

intensity (paradox of data from surveys versus statements from students in meetings) etc. The external experts highlighted that the degree programmes and the language elements are very important and relevant, which was positive.

The UN commented that students often have different understandings of study intensity and do not include all the learning activities when they answer the question about study intensity. There may need to be a focus on how to address and understand “study intensity”, although the UN has already added a specific question in the evaluations in order to monitor the situation in future.

Social activities in the department were discussed and even though there have been initiatives towards strengthening it e.g., Raymond Yamamoto had an event which was funded with funds from the Board of Studies and students can raise funds for student-driven events through the Board of Studies, which according to the students were very helpful. The “fagudvalg” is back, but many of the members are going abroad this semester, so the students in the UN should help the “fagtutors” and to recruit new students and in the introduction week there should be more focus on recruitment to “Fagudvalget”, “Fredagsbar” and UN. The idea of a “formidlingservice” was mentioned by students.

Christina Fiig proposed that the degree programmes prioritize their tasks in the 5-year action plans. There is a need to prioritize and to evaluate the tasks every year. These midterm evaluations are valuable and aligned with the annual action plans. This is the type of process that the degree programme of European Studies has run since 2016.

5. CAS employer panel and website (Orientation) (15.05-15.10)

The first meeting with the new employer panel at the School of Culture and Society was held on the 5th of October 2022. On the website the participants of the employer panel can be seen, and the minutes of the last meeting [Link to the website and minutes](#).

6. Updates (15.05-15.25)

6.1 Updates from the students

Overall is going well, some students at Japan Studies are a bit worried they won't be able to go to Japan due to lack of spaces at the partner universities, the department are in contact with the faculty management to find a solution. Students from Russia studies have been contacted from students from “Gymnasiet” and are trying to set up a “formidlingservice” (see above/AOB).

6.2 Updates from the degree programmes

The new semester is about to start and it's going well at the degree programmes. Students from China studies can finally go to Beijing after three years. European studies have had their first experiences with the internships and 3rd. semester after the new study regulation and would like to share their knowledge and experience.

7. Suggested points for upcoming meetings (15.25-15.30)

Points for upcoming UN meetings:

- Discussion about the language courses (February/March).
- Update about from the diversity working group (February).

The following suggestions for topics were added to the list:

- 3rd semester (Internship, "profilfag")
- Social/well-being across the department (mental health/ social events)
- Recruitment

8. AOB (15.30-15.35)

It was decided that after the students represents have talked to the fagudvalg, they will present the idea for the out-reach programme for the gymnasiums.

9. Introduction to new members of UN (orientation optional) (15.35-16.00)

SGM introduced the legal framework and background for the Board of Studies (SN) – and thus to the UN – and to the UN's tasks and areas of work.