



AARHUS UNIVERSITET

Uddannelsesnævnet for Global Studies (UN-meeting Global studies)

13-12-2024 12:15 - 14:00

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Information:

Meeting participants:

VIP-representatives: Annette Skovsted Hansen (UN-chair and SN-representative), Georg Fischer, Birgitte Beck Pristed, Hagen Schulz-Forberg and Christina Fiig.

VIP-observers: Andreas Steen

Student representatives: Jakob Hoffmann Holm (SN-representative), Sofie Lambertsen, Lise Houstrup.

Other observers: Student guidance IHO, Morten Holst Zachariasen (department coordinator) and Sine Gyde Meler (SNUK).

Absent: Vivek Kumar Shukla, Frederik Edsberg Hansen, Kasper Steenbjerg

Item 1: Approval of agenda and follow up from the minutes from last meeting (12.15-12.20)

UN approves the agenda and follow up from the last meeting.

Appendix 1.1: Approved minutes UN meeting in November 27th 2024

Minutes:

UN approved the agenda with the note that item 5 will be moved as item no 2. There was no follow up from the last meeting.

Item 2: Orientations from the students (12.20-12.30)

The student members inform about discussions in "Fagudvalget", student events etc.'

Minutes:

Students informed that fagudvalget have elected a new chair and vice-chair in the fagudvalg as well as a new SOME representative.

Item 3: Briefings (12.30 -12.45)

UN members are asked to read the briefings (if anything is written or attached to the agenda) before the meeting. At the meeting the UN members can ask questions to the briefings.

Minutes:

3.1 News from the board of studies

- [Link to agenda and minutes](#)

3.2 News from Head of Department

- Faculty of Arts are moving to a new location in 2028/2032 Campus 3

- "Tillægskompetencer" courses/language courses are maybe coming back with funds from the University. There is a short deadline for the department to start advertising and deciding which course, therefore the plan is to re-offer the courses that run the last time.

- Their will not be intake of students at India and Southasia studies in the autumn 2025, because of the decision to pause the degree programme. Teachers and studetns are notified.

- ASH had an open meeting with students from Global studies about the MA reform, 8 students participated including from AIS - later in the day appr. 30 participated in the meeting with Niels Lehmann - showing a decline in interest as compared to phase 1 of the comprehensive education landscape..

3.3 News from student guidance:

- Are planning U-days in February 2025

3.4 News from Arts Studies

[Newsletter from Arts studies](#)

Item 4: Activity fund (discussion and decision) (12.45 -13.00)

Head of department gives a status about the activity funds applications and UN discuss and decides which application they approve.

UN are also welcome to give input to the guidelines for the activity fund.

Appendices:

Appendix 4.1: Oversight over ansøgninger F25 Globale Studier

Appendix 4.2: Activity fund application 1

Appendix 4.3: Activity fund application 2

Appendix 4.4: Activity fund application 3

Appendix 4.5: Activity fund application 4

Appendix 4.6: Activity fund application 5

Minutes:

Annette Skovsted Hansen (ASH) informed that there is budget to approve all the applications and asked if there were any comments on the applications from the UN.

UN commented that the deadlines in December and May are a little too early because they are only just planning the teaching activities for the next semester at that time. UN decided to add an item about the deadline for the application to the activity fund and a discussion about which activities should be covered by the fund and from the department.

Decision:

UN approved all the applications.

Item 5: Dicussion about BA and MA structure (13.00 -13.40)

For the comments from GS to the comprehensive plan by December 20, we will focus on our wishes for structure for BA and MAs – see first slide in UN Structure debate pptx (appendix 5.1). This pptx also has some consideration of the distinction between the two

BA kassograms in the pdf (Appendix 5.2). The last attachment is a suggestion prepared by Mette Thunø (appendix 5.3), which we can also use together with the 'cassograms' in the pdf to qualify our discussion of BA structure. If time permits, we can also discuss pros and cons for suggesting two BAs – and their link to MAs, but these discussions can also easily wait till much later.

Furthermore head of department informs about the next steps of the process after the 20th of December including the student involvement and briefs about the meeting with students in the 4th of December 2024.

Appendices:

Appendix 5.1: UN Structure debate 131224.pptx

Appendix 5.2: Kassogrammer for GS fra Sandbjerg 201124.pdf

Appendix 5.3: Input-BA-proposals-Dec. 20-2024.pptx

Minutes:

ASH introduced the item by informing about the next steps in the process. ASH will send comments to phase 2 of the comprehensive plan on the 20th of December. The comments will mainly be about the 'cassograms,' which the department drafted at Sandbjerg on November 20 and include UN's comments.

ASH furthermore informed that the faculty is discussing the general new BA structure and nothing has been decided yet. UN will be included later (February) and more information will be provided. UN members stated that they would like to mention that the department is very flexible and open to working on developing the new BA structures and appreciate that they are being involved in the process.

ASH asked UN for input on the 'cassograms' and especially the following themes:

- Placement of electives, "tilvalg", and the BA project.
- Studium generale
- Placement of language teaching: before and after going abroad?

Teachers from Arabic and Islam studies (AIS), Thomas Fibiger (TF) and Ibrahim Elsayed, joined the meeting and briefed about some of the input students at AIS had shared when presented with the BA 'cassograms'

- Students like the structure with a final semester having ITTU and the BA project.
- Students prefer to have "tilvalg" before the BA project and before going abroad.

UN members at the meeting had the following comments:

- Students would like to finish their bachelor project in the last semester.
- Students believe that their "tilvalg" subjects are very useful and provide insight into other studies, which adds to their existing knowledge and helps them with the BA project.
- Regarding studium generale, UN sees that it could be a joint course for the two BA programmes, but some also mentioned that it could be a joint course with other departments at the school to have different perspectives. TF sees it as very meaningful that the course is joint with AIS and Global.
- UN discussed the pros and cons of having one or two BA degree programmes, but supported to send in the two suggestions. ASH stated that nothing is finalized and

that the two 'cassograms' are to show a suggestion for the proposal of having two BA programmes.

Item 6: Meeting plan for 2025 (13.40-13.45)

Proposal for decision:

The degree programme board determines the meeting schedule for 2025:

Wednesday 29th of January 12.15-14 (already approved)
Wednesday 26th of February 12.15-14
Wednesday 26th of March 12.15-14
Wednesday 30th of April 12.15-14
Wednesday 28th of May 12.15-14
Wednesday 25th of June 12.15.14
Wednesday 27th of August 12.15-14
Wednesday 24th of September 12.15-14
Wednesday 29th of October 12.15-14
Wednesday 26th of November 12.15-14
Wednesday 17th of December 12.15-14
Wednesday 28th of December 12.15-14

Minutes:

Decision:

UN approved the meeting plan with a deletion of December 28th, 2025

It is also important to emphasize that we are doing our best to cover all important items during the semesters, so we can avoid holding meetings in June, and December. These meetings will only be held, if necessary

Item 7: Suggested items for upcoming meetings (13.45-13.55)

UN are asked to go through the items on the list and prioritize and maybe delete items from the list.

Items for upcoming UN meetings:

- Discussion about theory and methods in teaching and syllabus
- Follow up on discussion about GAI (Generative Artificial Intelligence)
- Discussion about study groups
- Focuspoint: code of conduct
- Feedback culture
- Exams dates

Minutes:

The UN discussed and modified the list:

- Follow up on GAI discussion - experience from the exams and how to "klæde" students on (february)
- Employment and orientation to the labour market.
- Reboarding on MA degree programmes.
- Discussion about theory and methods in teaching and syllabus
- Discussion about study groups
- Focuspoint: code of conduct
- Exam dates placement

UN commented that they would like the chair of UN to decide a timeplan for the suggested items.

Item 8: Updates (13.50-13.52)

Nothing to item.

Item 9: AOB (13.52-14.00)

Nothing to the item.