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Punkt 1: Members present

Beslutning

- VIP: Johan Fischer, Lone Riisgaard, Paul Austin Stacey, Thomas Paster
- STUD: Isabella Haas-Bornand
- Head of Studies: Laust Schouenborg, Klaas Dykmann (online)
- Visitor: Vice Dean Bodil Damgaard
- Absent with notice: Marcus-Michael Müller

Punkt 2: Approval of the agenda

Nomination:

The board is asked to approve the agenda

Beslutning

The agenda was approved.

Punkt 3: Approval of last month's minutes

Nomination:

The board is asked to approve last month's minutes

Appendix:

- November minutes

Beslutning

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

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November referat.pdf

Punkt 4: The Vice Dean joins IS Study Board (9.30-10.00)

Nomination:

The Vice Dean, Bodil Damgaard, has been invited to join the meeting to discuss any items/questions the board may have.

The Chair will give a brief orientation on the Study Boards work this semester.

Beslutning

Vice Dean Bodil Damgaard participated in the meeting and engaged in an open dialogue with the board.

The board was surprised to learn that not all IS students have a legal claim to GDS, with some single-subject students having legal claim only to IPG. The Vice Dean expressed hope that IS single-subject students will be able to start on GDS rather than being limited to IPG, although it remains unclear whether this could be implemented for the next intake or a later intake. She noted the risk that students might leave rather than choose IPG if they are not interested in that programme. A decision is likely by the end of August.

The Vice Dean further informed the board that all programmes will now have an intake cap. In addition, new language criteria, interviews, and other measures will be part of determining which students are offered places at RUC programmes. The board welcomed the idea of interviews and considered the time investment worthwhile. Work is also underway to strengthen study start initiatives to ensure that admitted students show up.

Regarding programme development, the new GDS is planned to start in 2027 as part of the MA reform.

The board also discussed caps on courses, noting that some specialisation courses have very high intake—one course has 94 students admitted, while the board believed there was a cap of 60 or 75. Where courses are split, the board emphasized the need to ensure they are properly split on Moodle and study.ruc.dk as well.

The board thanked the Vice Dean for her participation and for answering questions.

Punkt 5: Course registrations for elective courses (10.00-10.10)

Nomination:

The board is asked to review the enrollment figures for elective courses.

NB! The secretary will upload the appendices on the 16th of december as the registration period runs until the 15th of december.

Appendices:

- IPG enrollment figures
- IS subject modules enrollment figures
- GDS enrollment figures

Beslutning

There were no comments regarding IPG enrollment figures.

The course EU as a Global Actor has consistently low intake, which the board believes could be improved if caps are applied to other courses. However, caps raise concerns about first-come, first-served dynamics and the risk that some students will not get their preferred courses. The situation is complex, given that some courses are mandatory for single-subject students while others are electives, leading to administrative challenges.

The board recommends cancelling EU as a Global Actor for the coming semester.

The board also noted too many students registered for Reimagining Society and the Economy, and some students will likely be moved to Revolutions or other relevant courses.

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IPG tilmeldingstal.pdf

IS fagmoduler tilmeldingstal.pdf

GDS tilmeldingstal.pdf

Punkt 6: Oral orientations (10.10-10.20)

Nomination:

Any oral orientations are welcome

Beslutning

The Chair conveyed an email from Mette Olwig suggesting that the number of keystrokes for references be excluded in 48-hour exams. The board noted that, with only five pages, including references within the keystroke limit can be unduly rigid; however, they concluded that administratively it is not feasible to exclude reference keystrokes from the total. The board's view is that the assignment length should be adjusted instead, and the matter will be considered during the next round of study regulations.

The Chair also informed the board that Malene Jepsen, who visited the Study Board in November, has continued clarifying credit transfer processes. The Chair had sent three points from the meeting, and Malene responded with further clarification.

Punkt 7: Approval of recommendation of changes to the study regulations (10.20-10.35)

Nomination:

The study board is asked to approve the suggested changes to study regulations:

1. A suggestion for a changed exam type for SMC3b/5b – Political Economy of Development.
2. A suggestion to remove the choice of written invigilated exam for BA-method courses (as, for a foreseeable future, RUC does not have the resources to allow the use of that exam type).
3. A suggestion for text in the field “Content” concerning method courses at BA-level (SMC 4a, 4b, 7) – right now this field is not filled in.

The generically described MA method courses have a description of the purpose – it is with inspiration from this that the suggestion for the BA-level courses has been written. The suggestion has been accepted by Bodil but needs to go through the study boards.

Appendices:

- SM-IS-SMC-5B-Political Economy of Development
- BA-method-elective-4a-4b-7
- BA-method-elective-4a-4b-7-content
- Portfolio-reexam

Beslutning

The board agreed that the oral exam for internships should be reintroduced. The secretary will work on this with Helle and Johan.

The course SMC 5b – Political Economy of Development was approved.

The BA method elective was approved.

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Regarding the portfolio re-exam, the board requested clarification on alternative formats (e.g., partly or fully after the course) and whether parts of the original portfolio can be reused in the re-exam.

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SM-IS-SMC-5B-Political Economy of Development.docx

BA-method-elective-4a-4b-7.docx

BA-method-elective-4a-4b-7.docx-content.docx

Portfolio-reexam.docx

Punkt 8: Approval of course offers for elective courses (10.35-11.00)

Nomination:

The study board is asked to approve the course offer for fall 2026 to spring 2027 (E26-F27). The attached proposal has, concerning MA-level courses, been developed by the Heads of Studies.

The proposed method courses at BA-level are merely a repetition of the offer from previous years. No new courses have been proposed.

Appendices:

- IS-Excel-sheet
- ISE-Excel sheet (for those who are interested in the complete ISE-offer)

Beslutning

All MA courses were approved.

All BA courses were approved.

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IS-SN-Metode-og-Spec-kurser-E26-F27.xlsx

BA-MA-metode-BA-valg-KA-spec - F26 og F27.xlsx

Punkt 9: Study.ruc.dk (11.00-11.20)

Nomination:

The board is asked to discuss the work being done with study.ruc.dk

Appendix:

- How to study.ruc.dk

Beslutning

The Chair presented the work completed on the study.ruc.dk guide. The board suggested adding a link to the GAI guidelines, replacing the no-reply email with a named contact (e.g., Pia Nielsen or the responsible person), and including graphics/screenshots highlighting the specific fields to be filled. Johan will implement these changes together with Pia and Helle.

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How to study.ruc.dk.docx

Punkt 10: Any other business

Beslutning

The allocation system remains a work in progress for the Head of Studies.