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Punkt 1: Approval of agenda

The study board is asked to approve the agenda.

Beslutning

Present: Laura Horn (Chair), Oliver Jay Tang Byron (Vice chair), Sofie Würtz, Laust Schouenborg, Olivier Rubin (substitute for Thomas), Line Engbo Gissel, Sune Haugbølle, Lone Riisgaard (from 10 AM)

Not present: Vilte Maldziute, Aleksander Fløystrup, Somdeep Sen

Declined: Thomas Paster

Minute taker: Andres Wulff Vissing Christensen

Laura went through the practicalities of the meetings in service of the new heads of studies.

The agenda was approved.

Punkt 2: Approval of minutes (2023.06.21)

The Study Board comments and approves the minutes of the meeting on 21 June 2023.

Beslutning

The ,minutes were approved with the following revisions:

- item 10: GDS stands for Global Development Studies, not Gender and Diversity Studies.
- Item 12: the study board did not set dates. There is a general principle on having the meeting on the last Wednesday in the month.

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Punkt 3: Orientations from the Chair

Beslutning

Laura had the following remarks she conveyed to the study board:

- There has been a change in the common rules regarding projects with effect from this autumn semester. For BA programs, there is a minimum group size of at least 3 students. Sune commented that the study leaders have already seen a significant raise in applications for dispensations from this. He, as head of study of the International Studies subject module, have received 6 applications before the project formation. He made the point that dispensation rules should be the same across the study boards. Laura replied that it is the heads of studies that approve dispensations. A common framework should thus be handled among the heads of studies. **Outcomes:** Sune will give a status on the dispensations on the meeting in September. Andres/Helle will follow up with the central study administration regarding the leftover study activities, which still list group sizes of 2-6 people. **Post-meeting note:** Legally, the common rules take precedence over the study regulations, where the group sizes are listed. Though, the group sizes should be corrected in the study regulations as part of autumn's process for making changes in the study regulations.

- From now on, students are not automatically registrated for exams. It is their own responsibility to do so. Exceptions from this are 1st and 2nd semester BA students.

- Michael Kluth, head of study for Erasmus Mundus Global Studies, have gotten 5 more years of funding. This carries a condition with changing the the degree title and a shift from double degree to joint degree. The study board will be presented with further material in the next meeting.

Punkt 4: Number of applicants

Beslutning

The study board noted the large intake on the international programs.

The attending heads of studies commented that the intake was good but also carries some challenges, e.g., with the larger class rooms, which has been seminar based but now more will take the form of lectures. Sune remarked that the retention rate is good, and that the supervisors have been advised to follow up with fractured groups.

Laura agreed with the concerns and the challenges with the larger populated mandatory courses. This needs to be taken into account in the evaluations this semester.

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Kandidatoptag E23

Orientation

There have been 1833 applicants for ISE's Master's programmes Autumn 23. 937 offers of admission have been sent and 517 have accepted the offer of admission. The deadline for accepting or declining the offer was 15 of June. The students are continuously enrolled in their study programme until September, so the yes/no figures will change right up until the start of the study programme.

Attached is an overview of the number of students who have accepted offers of admission in the period autumn 2022-2023.

The attached overview of graduate admission E2021 contains:

- Number of applicants, offered places and acceptance rates for ISE's programmes 2022-2023
- Proportion of applicants who are USBs
- Overview of applicants' priority: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.
- Visual overview of the number of YES please 2022-2023
- Citizenship for USBs

517 have accepted an offer of admission to a Master's programme at ISE in autumn 2023 compared to 367 in autumn 2022.

There is a significant increase in the number of acceptances for two of ISE's Master's programmes: Business Administration and Leadership, where 209 have accepted the offer of admission compared to 99 in the autumn 2022 and International Politics and Governance, where 75 have accepted the offer of admission compared to 42 in the autumn 2022.

There is a decrease in the number of acceptances for Politik og Forvaltning, where 47 have accepted compared to 61 in autumn 2022. There is also a decrease in the number of acceptances for Socialvidenskab, where the number of acceptances has gone from 37 in 2022 to 27 autumn 2023.

Course and project registrations in autumn 2023

From 1st of August to 31st of August, new master's students must register for their courses in STADS self-service. The current registration figures for 1st semester activities in autumn 2023 will therefore change, as students who are directly admitted to a master's programme at ISE can only register for teaching activities during this period.

Course and project enrolment figures are available in Teams under 'Numbers and Analyses at ISE', [Kursustilmeldinger E23](#)

Punkt 5: Orientation about study start

Heads of studies are asked to tell about the programme and the intentions for this year's study start.

Beslutning

Oliver, who tutored the SIB study start, mentioned that the capless intake on SIB students meant a lot of new students compared to the number of tutors. This posed some challenges, but the study start went well all in all. The new group of BA students seem mature and engaged, the same goes for NIB and HIB, which promises a great foundation for the programs the next years. For example, they made a simulation of the project formation that went well. Sadly, there have been some theft during the study start.

Laust reported on the forthcoming study start for MA students, which includes events for IPG and GDS students next week.

Outcome: There will be more about the study start in September's meeting.

Punkt 13: Orientation about the pergola

The long-awaited pergola renovation will begin at the turn of the year. Around mid-November, teaching and offices in buildings 4, 5 and 6 will be moved to buildings 21-22, where we will be located for the next 2½-3 years. More information will follow asap.

Appendix: slides of the renovation project.

Beslutning

Laura conveyed to the study board that the pergola renewal project will have repercussions for the teaching as we are to deal with fewer rooms and more use of the late teaching slots, including 4 to 6, and 6 to 8 PM. She advised the teachers to let the students know about this.

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Punkt 6: Selection of courses and projects for evaluation

The study board is asked to select courses and projects for evaluation i E23.

Beslutning

The study board processed the suggested activities to be evaluated.

Decision: The study board approved of the suggestions with the following additions: Mandatory Course3: International Public Economics, and Fieldwork Methods and Interviews.

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Educational activities to be evaluated in E23 International Studies.docx

Punkt 7: Meeting dates for the semester

The board should decide meeting dates for this semester. Please, bring updated calendars.

The hope is that we can continue to meet up on the last Wednesday afternoon of the month (except for December - it has to be in due time before Christmas).

Beslutning

The study board agreed on the following ground rules for the study board meetings:

1. Wednesday afternoons are preferred with building 14 as location.
2. The regular meetings from 12.30 to 2.30 PM, with the closed meetings following from 2.30 to 3 PM.

Decision:

The study board approved the following dates with the above mentioned time slot:

- Wednesday September 27.
- Wednesday October 25.
- Wednesday October 29.
- Wednesday December 13. **NB!** The meeting is scheduled from 9 to 11.30 AM.

Punkt 8: Foundation Course

The Study Board will discuss the revision of the Foundation Course.

A meeting was held on 22 August - the chair will sum up the discussions and thus start the debate of the study board.

Beslutning

The study board was presented with the ongoing work to revise the GDS Foundation Course. The attachment shows the current suggestion but it will be an ongoing process.

Laura provided some context for the revisions, e.g., that the IPG and GDS programs are rather expensive compared to the rest of the programs at ISE. The foundation course have had 16 sessions, but the ISE common rules for 10 ECTS courses stipulate 12 sessions. The foundation course are to be revised along the lines of this. Student evaluations of the course have pointed to general confusion among the students regarding the course structure, as well as too much overlap with the subject module courses. This are also taken into account in the revision proces.

The faculty met last week to discuss the changes, and a reference group has been established. The study board adviced the group to include students at some point.

The changes to the foundation course will come into play in the Autumn semester of 2024 with some minor changes perhaps being implemented from next Spring semester.

Punkt 9: Students' discussion point (recurrent agenda item)

The students of the board have asked to have a recurrent item on the agenda where they can raise discussions.

Beslutning

The student members of the study board made the point that the BA project formation is rather late scheduled this semester. GDS Project 1's project formation is scheduled after the beginning of the Foundation course, as well.

Punkt 10: Meeting culture

With new heads of studies, the chair wants the board to have a discussion about meeting culture.

Beslutning

The study board discussed their expectations of the study board processes, including the meetings. Laura noted that it is important to be prepared for the meetings. She appreciates that the heads of studies prioritize participating in the study board meetings.

The meetings is rather long, but the board should prioritize having enough time for difficult items, e.g., evaluations, as well as decisions to be made. It was suggested that the orientations could be done over emails, but this carries some difficulties as the students, including student members on the study board, do not receive general information from the university management.

Punkt 11: Supporting the students in engaging students in study environment

The board will discuss what it can do to inspire more students to take an active part in the study environment and the democratic institutions of the university.

Beslutning

The study board noted the general trend that the group of engaged students are getting smaller. Laura stressed that study boards, study leaders, and teachers are to invite the students in on university life and matters in general.

The point was made that the study boards should be integrated in the study start in some capacity.

Punkt 12: Any other business

Beslutning

The study board wanted to have an item on the September meeting regarding the length of courses and the quality assurance regarding this.