

# **REFERAT Studienævnet for Internationale Studier d. 28-02-2024**

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## **Punkt 1: Approval of the Agenda**

The study board is asked to comment and approve the agenda.

### **Beslutning**

#### **Members present:**

Laust Schouenborg (IPG head of study. Left at 09:50)

Laura Horn (chair, VIP)

Lone Riisgaard (VIP)

Liliana Calisto (stud)

Sophie Loiwersheimer (stud)

Vilte Maldziute (vice-chair, stud. Teams from 09:20)

#### **Absent with notice:**

Line Engbo Gissel (VIP)

Thomas Paster (VIP)

#### **Absent without notice:**

Somdeep Sen (GDS head of study)

Sune Haugbølle (IS head of study)

Aleksander Nielsen (student)

Laura welcomed the new student members. There was a short intro to the study board rules of procedure – quorum, formalities (agenda etc.) as well as an introduction round.

#### **Decision:**

As the IPG head of studies had to leave early, the IPG head of study report from item 8 was moved up.

The agenda was approved with this change.

## **Punkt 2: Approval of the minutes of the january meeting**

### **Beslutning**

The study board thanked Vilte for taking the minutes and had no comments for them.

The minutes were approved.

Laura informed that the minutes should show decisions and reflect disagreements.

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### **Punkt 3: Appointment of vice-chair**

The board is asked to appoint a vice-chair among the newly elected student representatives.

#### **Beslutning**

Decision:

Vilte Maldziute is appointed the new vice-chair of the board. SBP informs the relevant colleagues in US concerning the processing of student cases. Cases that cannot wait the next SB meeting are sent to the chair as well as the vice-chair. SBP vil also make sure that intra is updated with the new constellation of the board.

Laura recommends the students to prepare together for the meetings. Vilte will take an initiative.

Regarding the VIP members: Olivier is no longer suppleant: Paul is, but very busy reseaching. Therefore a new suppleant is needed. Laura will ask Malin, Eric and Johan. Next suppleringsvalg is in May.

## **Punkt 4: Orientations from chair, students etc.**

Known orientations:

- Failing rates on courses/projects. Discussion point for the March-meeting (appendix)
- Open House 2024 (appendix)
- Visit from RUCs law-department on the March-meeting (oral orientation)

### **Beslutning**

The board was orientated on a number of matters.

Written orientations in the appendices for the meeting:

- Increasing failing rates on courses/projects. This item will be a discussion for the March-meeting where we will also have grade statistics. The board raised a couple of concerns already, that will be discussed more thoroughly at the upcoming meeting. The study board would like to have statistics that enables a comparison between international and danish students. The aim is to look into whether a possible increase in failing rates is correlated to the increase in admission of international students. Helle and Signe will look into whether this is possible.
- Open House 2024 went well.

Oral orientations:

- On the March-meeting the study board will get a visit from RUCs legal department on the March-meeting. Here we will be presented with a new proces for the processing of student applications on the closed meetings. SBP will set up a timeslot for them extending no more than 20 minutes.
- Upcoming master reform. Laura mentioned that there are discussions and concerns about the secrecy of it all. She will attend a meeting soon about the MA reform with other people from ISE and report back to the study board.

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## **Punkt 5: MA study start**

### **Beslutning**

The study board thanked for the orientation on study start and especially thanked study environment tutor Vilte for planning and study environment tutor Sofie and Kimmi for participating. For next study start special attention should be paid to planning, so that there will not be a situation like on GDS, where the project formation ended up taking place before the study start program. One of the core issues in this is the lack of space and rooms with big capacity on campus which will only get worse with the ongoing rebuild.

The study board also shared a concern: There seems to be a tendency of a large number of international students missing group formations, partly due to arriving late to Denmark. Some have visa problems but not all. It has been observed, that they are not familiar with the administration structure, do not use their RUC-emails etc. To deal with the late arriving students they have often been forced into existing groups which is challenging. An abnormal number of group splits this semester has already been observed. As it seems the international overseas admission is only going to increase, the study board needs to talk about and deal with this problem.

It is suggested that the study board writes a clear statement to the department with arguments why there needs to be made resources available to support these students. For the next meeting the study board is asked to think about concrete initiatives that could be implemented to make it a successful and rewarding experience both for the students and the supervisors. The purpose is to include some specific suggestions for action in the aforementioned statement to the department.

SBP will also look into any existing buddy programs at RUC that could be pushed to the students, but the board underlines, that it is important that RUC as an institution deals with this problem and not leave the responsibility on the students themselves.

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## **Punkt 6: Meeting plan for the spring semester**

Hereby a proposal for the meeting calender of this semester. Please check if these dates suit you and if any already booked meetings could be rearranged, as it is hard to find dates that suit everyone.

The March-meeting is very hard to plan as all the calenders are already pretty booked. Therefore I suggest two dates and we will see which meeting most people are available for.

March: 20/03 - 09:00-11:30 **or** the 27th from 13:00-15:30

April: 24/04 - 13:00-15:30

May: 29/05 - 13:00-15:30

June: 26/06 - 09:00-11:30

August: 28/08 - 09:00-11:30

### **Beslutning**

Decision:

The following dates were decided:

March: 21/03 - 13:00-15:30

April: 24/04 - 12:00-14:30

May: 29/05 - 13:00-15:30

June: 24/06 - 10-12:30 with lunch

August: To be determined

## **Punkt 7: Lukket**

## **Punkt 8: Comments on Head of Studies reports**

The board is asked to comment on the head of studies reports for GDS and IPG.  
At the March meeting the board will decide on the action plan.

Context:

The heads of studies of the individual programs prepare annual head of studies reports as part of RUC's overall quality assurance system. The reports are prepared on the basis of a number of key figures, which in turn lead to the heads of studies preparing action plans for the development of the programs, which are included in the reports. The head of studies reports are later included in the vice dean's departmental report.

Approval of the action plans is anchored in the study boards.

Appendices:

For each programme - GDS and IPG - there is a draft for the head of studies report (and a separate sheet with key figures concerning e.g., admission, drop-out rates, cohort.)

### **Beslutning**

The study board receives the head of studies reports for commenting on the February meetings and for decision concerning the action plan in March.

Due to lack of time and the absence of the GDS head of studies, the board postponed the commenting of the GDS report.

#### **Comments on the IPG head of studies report:**

The head of studies gave a brief contextualization. The head of studies reacts on the key figures. One of the issues is that IPG has a first year dropout above the wanted limit.

The board thanks the head of studies for the work with writing the report, which the board appreciates.

It is noted that IPG is doing well, especially concerning the long unemployment rate, that is very low. With an increasing number of USB applicants, the board needs to consider whether there is enough electives for IPG students.

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## **Punkt 9: Item from students**

### **Beslutning**

No students' item was put forward.

## **Punkt 10: Any other business**

### **Beslutning**

The board would like to add an item on an upcoming meeting about the power of the study board shrinking in. There is a wish to map out and track activities that undermines the influence of the study board. Laura and Lone will talk more about how this agenda item could be discussed.