

# **REFERAT Studienævnet for Den Naturvidenskabelige Bachelor Uddannelse d. 10-12-2024**

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# Indholdsfortegnelse

Discussion of consultation response.....

## **Punkt 1: Discussion of consultation response**

The study board will discuss the board's consultation response to the university management's preliminary proposal for the future landscape of master's degree programmes at Roskilde University. The different academic groups at INM have written inputs for the board to consider when drafting the consultation response - these are the attached appendices.

Martin Niss, chair person of the study board and Head of Studies, has prepared a draft for the consultation response that the board will discuss at the meeting.

The draft will be forwarded as material at a later time.

### **Beslutning**

Martin Niss frames the point and explains the process behind the consultation response.

It is noted, that the material was sent out very late, which means that the study board members have not had the time to prepare for the meeting.

There is agreement within the board, that the sentence "NatBach students have traditionally chosen ...." gives the illusion that the students have not chosen other educations and should therefore be removed.

The sentence "Samtidig betyder indstillingen.." could be written in sharper and more critical manner.

General remark regarding inputs from Computer Science and Digital Transformation - these consultation responses have not been written yet, but preliminary inputs have been forwarded to Martin. Digital Transformation has been reduced to a 75 ECTS programme, which means that the programme will become in direct competition with digital professionsbachelorer.

The strength of having a broad Natbach education is affirmed. It provides to programme with a competitive edge compared to other natural science bachelors. The subject module structure works really well at NatBach and should be continued. It is therefore important that the hearing includes that the study board should be included thoroughly in the process of adjusting the BA programme and early in the process.

It is argued that preventative arguments about the importance of the length of MA programmes could be included in the response. The board recognizes, that it is a zero-sum game in terms of student intake and the amount of shorter educations.

The study board discusses commenting on the society agenda/trends visualization as natural science is not properly represented, the academic field is neglected in this visualization. From an employers perspective there is a need for chemists, physicists, biologists and mathematicians in the job market, and this perspective is missing. An additional bubble should be added. It should be obvious to externals (both employers and potential students) that RUC has a natural science institute. There is a perception that there is no natural science educations at RUC and the current proposed visualization from the university leadership would solidify that. It is important to show employers and potential students that working within chemistry and physics is still an option at RUC at the MA level after the reform.

The students' perspective should be made more clear in the consultation response in order to show the impact this will have on the students' MA choice. With fewer specialized MA and therefore wider MA's academically, students with a wish of specialization will turn elsewhere for a MA. It is important for both students and staff to be able to see themselves in the educations in order to stay at RUC. The natural science academic field is not suited for being spread out thinly.

At the BA level there is already little space for specialization that creates a clear path for a MA. Though, the subject module structure functions well, there could be more mandatory courses. There could also be made changes to the legal claims to the MA educations.

The board discusses, which approach it should take in the process - be very critical or play within the set up playing field and agrees upon a balance. The board should comment on the limited MA options. Students are having difficulties see themselves in the new education where chemistry is being integrated in the MHS, as it is argued that this will impair all the academic fields involved. A member suggests that it might be cause conflicts internally at RUC to suggest keeping more natural science educations as it inevitably will mean suggesting to close another education.

Differential intake rules are discussed - It is not allowed to have differential intake rules on the same education for example if it had different paths. The economical perspective is also mentioned in relation to having more, but smaller

MA's, but in terms of recruitment it is worth noting the foreign self paying students. The board argues that it is better to have more educations with fewer students and believes that there is a potential for the existing educations to increase their student intake, for example chemical biology have been increasing the student intake every year.

Martin sums up the discussion. It is argued that the consultation response should be kept short with important points first and then the explanation. The points should be clear and easily understood. Perhaps a section could be added about the uncertainty that comes with big changes and how this will affect the study environment - the students point out the importance of the interaction the students have with each other across disciplines. Because the environment at INM is already quite small, the interdisciplinary elements also addresses the sense of belonging and loneliness.

Teaching at the BA level needs to be research-based, and the closing of programmes at MA level might hinder this in the long run - it might become difficult for RUC to recruit top researchers, if there is no education for them at the MA level.

Martin Niss will rewrite the consultation response. The study board can comment on it. The deadline for commenting is Friday at 12.00. The consultation response will be submitted Monday.

## **Bilag**

Bilag 11-24-01a - Hearing IR\_Env.Sc..docx

Bilag 11-24-01b - Chemistry sections response to the new situation at INM -V2.docx

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