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Punkt 1: Approval of agenda

Beslutning

Meeting participants:

Martin Niss (VIP, SL, forperson), Pia Nyeng (VIP), Torben Braüner (VIP), Lærke Kønskov Vest (STUD), William Goldring (VIP), Annemette Palmqvist (prodekan), Maria Køpke Kjeldsen (udd.koor. Kvalitetssikring, ref.), Lis (observatør).

The agenda was approved.

Punkt 2: Approval of minutes

Beslutning

The minutes was approved.

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Punkt 3: Lukket

Punkt 4: Lukket

Punkt 5: Lukket

Punkt 6: Lukket

Punkt 7: Orientations from Martin Niss, study leader of NAB/NIB and chair of the study board

The upcoming university election
Both students and staff are up for election this year.

You can read the full schedule below, but here are the most important deadlines:

Candidate registrations must be submitted to the election office no later than 9 October 2025 at 12:00 noon.

The candidate notifications and list/electoral alliances are sent to valgkontoret@ruc.dk in an easy-to-read state, preferably filled in electronically and in PDF format.

Voting in connection with any contested election will take place in the period from 6 November 2025 at 9.00 to 13 November 2024 at 12.00.

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Punkt 8: Orientations from the student representatives

Beslutning

Punkt 9: Other announcements or orientations

Punkt 10: Consultation of language requirements for admission

The Associate Dean, Annemette Palmqvist, has been in dialogue with Martin Niss, Head of Studies, and the Admissions Office regarding changing the language requirements for admission to the international natural science bachelor programme, NIB. The Admissions Office have asked the Danish Agency of Higher Education and Science about legal possible course of actions, including an average grade requirement in English for applicants in quota 2 and the use of language tests.

Proposal
It is proposed to introduce a general language requirement for the NIB bachelor's programme, applicable to all applicants regardless of quota. The requirement proposed is English A or English B with a minimum grade of 6.0. A general language requirement with a minimum grade allows us to require a language test (e.g., TOEFL) for applicants from non-EU/EEA countries, where grades cannot be converted.

Consequences
Introducing a general language requirement will have varying consequences for different applicant groups:

- **Danish and Nordic applicants**: Some may not meet the requirement, but they still have the option to apply for NAB instead. A dual requirement (English A or English B with a minimum grade of 6.0) would reduce the risk of rejecting qualified applicants.
- **EU/EEA applicants**: There is a risk of losing applicants, who do not meet the language requirement and who do not have alternative programmes to apply for. The extent of this impact is currently unknown.
- **Tuition-paying applicants from non-English-speaking countries**: Admissions are likely to decrease, as these applicants would need to document English proficiency through an internationally recognized language test. It is assumed that few will have English A-level qualifications, but those who do are likely sufficiently qualified to follow the programme.
- **Tuition-paying applicants from English-speaking countries**: These applicants would likely meet the requirement through English A or perform well on a language test such as TOEFL.

Changes to the admission requirements can be implemented from the 2027 admissions as such changes requires a 2-year notice.

Recommendation
The study board is invited to discuss the proposal and the potential consequences thereof and provide input, also to the level of a minimum required grade in English B.

Beslutning

The board discusses the proposal and wonders if it is possible to not have language requirements for applicants from an English speaking country or whose educations have been taught in English. Annemette will contact the admissions office to clarify.

The board accepts the proposal and approves the change in language requirements for admission.

The board requests that the average grade is based on the current information on admission.

Punkt 11: Lukket

Punkt 12: Revision of Study Regulations - NIB and NAB

In preparation for the upcoming study regulation revision effective from September 2026, scope and focus points have been identified - see the attached material. The material includes a process plan.

The scope
The boards has previously discussed making changes to the structure of the programme and other significant changes, which will be revisited, when the upcoming bachelor's reform is initiated. The focus for this year's revision will be on correcting errors and discussing courses will challenges. The focus could therefore be the BK4-8 courses.

New Initiative: Case-Based Teaching
AMP has shared a potential collaboration with the Kalundborg Symbiosis on case-based teaching. The idea is to develop an intensive, elective course with a portfolio exam, to be tested at both bachelor's and master's level. The case would be approached from multiple disciplinary angles and could be included in the STO as a placeholder from 2026. Existing course frameworks (e.g. *Understanding the Universe* or *Understanding the Continuous World*) may be repurposed.

Beslutning

The board approved the process plan and the proposal for a case-based teaching course.

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Bilag 08-25-12a -Sagsfremstilling til BA SN_studieordninger 2026.pdf

Bilag 08-25-12b -Tidsplan for Studieordningsproces 2026_U&P.pdf

Punkt 13: Strategy seminar

Postponed from last meeting. The Board is to discuss the planning of a Strategy Seminar.

Beslutning

The board decides on the theme: Integration of NIB and NAB.

There was a discussion about whether the RUS period should be held jointly for NIB and NAB students. It was noted that this worked very well one year, as the two groups became more integrated. This strengthened both the study environment and collaboration in project groups, since the students got to know each other and could recognize one another in classes.

It was also highlighted that there is a need for greater awareness of the project markets. This would give students better opportunities to broaden their project ideas and think more creatively when choosing topics.

The Strategy Seminar will be planned for the Spring 2026.

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Bilag 08-25-13 - Strategy_Seminar_NatBach_English.pdf

Punkt 14: RUC in the public media

Martin Niss, Head of Studies, will frame the agenda point.

Beslutning

The board discussed the situation.

Punkt 15: A.O.B.