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Punkt 1: Approval of the agenda

The board is asked to comment and approve the agenda.

Beslutning

Present: Laura Horn (conducting the meeting via Teams), Lone Riisgaard (via Teams), Sune Haugbølle (via Teams), Laust Schouenborg (via Teams), Oliver Jay Tang Byron (vice chair, via Teams), Vilde Maldziute (via Teams, minute taker), Helle Rønne Warburg (secretary)

Not present: Thomas Paster, Aleksander Fløysturp Nielsen, Somdeep Sen, Line Engbo Gissel.

Laura proposes to move item 8 before number 3. The board agrees.

The updated agenda is approved.

Punkt 2: Approval of the minutes of the meeting on 29 November 2023

The board is asked to comment and approve the minutes of the meeting on 28 November.

Beslutning

The minutes were pre-approved as they were sent out before this meeting.

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Punkt 9: Orientations from chair, students etc.

Beslutning

The new ISE dean started at RUC. The researchers at ISE made him aware of the need for more information about the department's budget which relates to teaching hour allocation and issues regarding that.

The study board discusses the structural challenge to cover the political economy relevant teaching at our international programmes as well as the issue of the "hour bank" (i.e., the number of hours for teaching versus research). These issues raise concerns about trade-offs and assurance of quality in teaching.

Punkt 9.a: The network for green researchers

Laura takes part in this network and will tell the study board about initiatives about how to make the teaching more green.

Beslutning

The network for green researchers is looking into the demand for “greening” educations and how green concerns can be mainstreamed into educational agenda. Laura will update us about this initiative in future meetings and propose a more systematic way of how the IS study board can work with this.

Laura mentions the ISE study environment initiative “RUC Sustainability Café” that aims to establish a network of students interested in sustainability, “green research”. This initiative at the student level is qualitatively similar to the network for green researchers.

Punkt 3: Approval of admission requirements

The board is asked to approve the list of foreign programmes that fulfill the admission requirements to IPG/GDS. The lists are produced in cooperation between the study administration and the heads of studies. Thus, the members do not need to go through all the details of the various programmes.

Beslutning

The board is asked to approve the list of foreign programmes that fulfill the admission requirements to IPG/GDS.

Decision: The list of foreign programmes that fulfill the admission requirements to IPG/GDS is approved by the study board.

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Punkt 8: Courses of F24 based on course registration

The board is to decide if the offered courses have enough students signed up to be run in the spring. The deadline is not up until 15 December but Helle will bring the newest numbers.

Beslutning

Helle presents the newest numbers showing the number of students who registered for courses in F24. The board has to decide if the offered courses have enough students signed up to be run in the spring.

As for Advanced Methods Courses, the study board notes that 2 methods courses offered instead of 3 is not sufficient.

Intermediate Quantitative Methods and Qualitative Interview Methods courses raise concerns to the IS study board from the perspective of quality assurance due to the large number of students who signed up.

Decision: The study board is approving the suggested methods courses.

The study board has discussed the registration for Advanced Study Courses. The study board, however, is still lacking the final registration numbers. Laura will send out the update about the final registration numbers through email next week, so the members of the study board can decide about approving the courses offered in F24.

Punkt 4: Specialization courses

At the November meeting the board decided that for the December meeting, it would be nice if the heads of studies could procure material for the board to discuss electives. The board asked for the following:

- Are their specialization courses open for students of other MA programmes or for their MA program only?
- How many electives are realistic to offer?
- Which electives are planned?
- Does a cap make sense? Can a cap be dynamic rather than static? How can it be managed? How can it be communicated?

The heads of studies for IPG and GDS have sent their lists of electives. Som, in an e-mail (below), Laust, in the appendix to this item.

From Som's e-mail:

"GDS electives on offer this fall are as follows:

- Labor in the Global Economy (open to GDS, IPG, Politik og Forvaltning)
- Geopolitics and the Green Transition (open to GDS, IPG, Politik og Forvaltning, Samfundsjura)
- Intermediate Quantitative Methods (open to GDS, IPG, BAL)
- Qualitative Interview Methods (open to GDS, IPG, EMGS, Socialvidenskab, Samfundsjura, Politik og Forvaltning)

I think along with "Grand Strategy and Foreign Policy" from IPG, this is the bare minimum of what we can offer here. There is a good variety of course topics. Also 2. Semester GDS and IPG students (about 140 students?) + 3. Semester GDS and IPG students can be expected to be distributed across 4 advanced study courses. This is not including students from the other programs. I fear that anything less would overload the offered courses and that would affect quality.

It even makes less sense to cut any of two methods courses. Besides the above-mentioned cohort of students, Spring 2024 intake students will also be expected to take a methods course.

For now, I think the minimum number of students required for a course to run (22?) is fine. We should be a bit flexible though. Say, if we see that the other courses are overloaded with students, we may want to allow a course with somewhat low enrollment to run – especially because all the topics are so different. But that could be a later discussion.

I don't have a problem with our courses being offered across more programs. But I guess that's up to other heads of studies."

Laust will attend the meeting.

Beslutning

The heads of studies of MA programmes discussed this item prior to this meeting. The consensus was that 3 specialization courses are the minimum that is required.

The study board discusses the different parameters, such as static versus dynamic registration cap and registration priority (e.g., "first come, first serve"), with regard to registration for Specialization, Advanced Methodology and Advanced Study Courses.

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Course schedule agreed Oct 2023.docx

Punkt 5: Students' item

Beslutning

Oliver will be leaving the IS Study Board in the next term as he is finishing his MA studies. The study board officially thanks Oliver for his work as a student representative and the vice-chair of the IS Study Board.

Next term, Vilde is replacing Oliver as the vice-chair of the IS Study Board. Sofie and Aleksander are continuing. Two new GDS students, Sophie and are joining, one of them as an alternate.

Punkt 6: Any other business

It would be nice if everybody brings an updated calendar to agree on a meeting date in January 2024.

Beslutning

The IS Study Board meeting will be held on Wednesday the 31st of January 12.30 to 14.30. The closed meeting will take place from 14.30 to 15.00.

Vilte invites Sophie and Liliane to this meeting to introduce them to the study board and schedule monthly meetings in our calendars.

No other AOB items.