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Punkt 1: Members present

Beslutning

Attending: John Damm Scheuer (chair), Flemming Sørensen, Nina Torm (attending from item 4, late due to traffic), Maria Duclos Lindstrøm, Louison Cahen-Fourot, Margit (attending from item 8, late due to traffic).

Not attending: David Burgener (vice chair).

Minute taker: Andres Wulff Vissing Christensen.

The study board had quorum from the meeting's beginning due to the attendance of John, Flemming, and Louison.

Punkt 2: Approval of the agenda

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

Beslutning

The study board approved the agenda.

Punkt 3: Approval of last month's minutes

The study board is asked to comment and approve the minutes of last month's meeting.

Beslutning

The study board approved the attached draft of the minutes from the study board meeting in April.

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Minutes-2025-04-28.pdf

Punkt 4: Approval of revised evaluation procedures at ISE

The study board is asked to approve the revised evaluation procedures at ISE.

John and Andres have gone over the evaluation procedures that the board could not approve in the fall of 2024. This has resulted in a revision that the study board is asked to approve.

Appendix

Revised evaluation procedures at ISE

Beslutning

The study board discussed the suggested revision of the evaluation procedures and made the following comments:

- The feedback from the course convenor to the study board (page 4) should be made voluntary to avoid placing more tasks on the course convenor. Instead, the procedures should state that the study board can ask for further comments from the course convenor.
- The section regarding requiring a reflection paper from the course convenor, after the course have run a 4th time should also be deleted as it can be difficult to assess the course's progression over that span of time.

Further, the study board asked that it should made more clear that the students' anonymity cannot be guaranteed in the project evaluations due to the small numbers of the students, the supervisors supervise.

Decision: The study board approved the revision with the above mentioned comments added to the study board's specific procedures.

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Appendix 2 Draft of revised evaluation procedures at ISE, en, AWVC, 16.8.2024.docx

Punkt 5: Follow-up on approval of course descriptions at study.ruc.dk

Maria and Helle will follow up on the changes that Maria asked activity responsables to make following the comments at last month's meeting.

Also, the study board is asked to approve the activity descriptions for the projects of the two first semesters of the MA programme in Socio-Economics and for the course Big Data Analysis.

Beslutning

Maria gave a status on the revisions of the Business activity descriptions based on the study board's comments in last month's meetings.

Decision: The study board approved the activity descriptions.

Punkt 6: Number of lectures at two SØK 10 ECTS courses

The study board members are asked to familiarize themselves with the information in the attached e-mails and discuss the issue raised.

Beslutning

Nina and Louison briefed the study board on some changes to courses at the Samfundsøkonomi, which carry some serious issues and considerations. The issues revolve around that two blocks of two 5 ECTS courses, respectively, have been merged to two 10 ECTS courses. The reason for doing that was to save hours on exams. However in doing so, the implications discovered later were also that the 20 double lectures for each block (10 double lectures per 5 ECTS course times 2) were cut to 12 double lectures as per the department guidelines for a regular 10 ECTS course.

With the cut in contact hours, Samfundsøkonomi offers considerably less than comparable Economic degrees' courses, even including 7,5 ECTS courses at other universities. The program faculty is concerned that the cut will send a bad signal to the students and will have a negative impact on the program's reputation. Also, the very technical courses that have been merged require a lot of contact hours to secure the students' learning. Fewer contact hours will also make the study environment suffer. The program faculty therefore asked the study board to weigh in and consider, among other, if the exam considerations outweigh the other concerns, and how much are lost in the longer term making changes like these.

The study board discussed the issue and was very much aligned with the program faculty. The cuts carry significant concerns regarding the program's quality, reputation, employability, and study environment. All of which are strategic initiatives within the university as a whole.

The study board agreed to issue a declaration of concern about the cutting of contact hours being the answer to saving money. The concern also extends to other programs, which will foreseeable be asked to make the same changes. The study board is concerned with any reduction in contact hours.

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Punkt 7: Orientations from the Chair

John will inform about the ISE-uddu meeting on 13 May about changing the bachelor programme.

Beslutning

John informed the study board about the departmental education committee's (ISE-UDDU) meeting regarding formulating future BA competencies. The meeting was set up as a forum for discussion with group work in between, and where the BA competencies looked at from scratch. However, a lot of the suggested competencies can already be found among the existing RUC BA competencies.

During the meeting, the idea came up that self paying students (USBs) living in Copenhagen should get a travel card to RUC paid for by the university. The study board was very supportive of this idea.

Tangentially, the study board also raised the decision that Business Studies have been taken of the list of programs having to offer EKA educations. However, the motivations for this seem unclear. Therefore, the study board would like Bodil to attend a future meeting on this.

Punkt 8: Orientations from Heads of Studies

Beslutning

Both heads of studies informed the study board about a recent meeting with all heads of studies at RUC regarding revisions in the GenAI guidelines, where the main change is that GenAI from the Autumn semester will be allowed in courses and several of course exam forms.

Another topic of discussion was the revisions of the disciplinary rules. Among other things, it was proposed that it should be made more clear how much work the examiners should do before submitted a disciplinary case to the respective head of study.

The suggested revisions for both the GenAI guidelines and the disciplinary rules will be send out in advance of the next study board meeting on June 23rd. This is part of a hearing process with its deadline for submitting responses being June 25th.

Punkt 9: Any other business