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Punkt 1: Approval of the agenda

Beslutning

The agenda was approved.

Present: Laura Horn, Oliver Jay Tang Byron, Thomas Paster, Lone Riisgaard, Line Gissel Engbo, Sofie Würtz, Vilte, Laust Schouenborg, Sune Haugbølle. Line arrived at 13.25.

Absent: Aleksander Fløystруп Nielsen and Somdeep Sen

Helle was asked to make a Teamslink available in all the meeting invites.

Punkt 2: Approval of the minutes of the meeting on 30 August 2023

The study board is asked to comment and approve the minutes of the meeting on 30 August.

Beslutning

The minutes were approved.

Bilag

Minutes.2023-08-30.pdf

Punkt 4: More about the study start

Heads of studies and Vilte will inform about the study start.

Beslutning

Sune: The IS subject module study start went well in the sense that the participants profited greatly from it. A major hick-up was that the room number had been announced wrongly, so only 30 out of 80 new students showed up. This was due to the combination of sick-leave and return from maternity leave in the secretariat which caused some things to go wrong. Therefore an event will be held in November to make the new subject module students feel welcome in the international studies community. Hopfully, there will be an external speaker to talk about e.g., the New Global South, the brics meeting. The point was made, that we should keep track of this kind of talks to have a variation over time.

Vilte asks the heads of studies to inform her or Camilla about such activities to avoid clashes with other study environment activities. Sofie informed the study board that work is going on to communicate such events targetted by the use of Moodle-pages.

Laust: The IPG study start went well - no hick-ups. 55 active students on Moodle which is fine.

Vilte also felt that the study starts were quite successful. Some students have joined the academic committee and the students seem engaged. The Bruxelles trip has been promoted and the students are positive about it.

Laura noted that we start feeling the effects of the very small student intake last year, e.g., there are only 99 participants to the IP-course. This is not a lot of students to divide between master programmes three semesters down the line. We have to keep paying attention to the subject module. Helle was asked to put recruitment on the agenda in November.

Punkt 5: EMGS

Michael Kluth, head of study for Erasmus Mundus Global Studies, has had 5 more years of funding. This carries need for changes in the degree title and a shift from double degree to joint degree.

Michael has been invited to come and discuss the matter with the board.

Beslutning

Background

Michael contacted Laura just before the last meeting about changes to be made to the programme.

EMGS has been at RUC since 2008 with Michael as a kind of head of studies. The programme is coordinated by the University of Leipzig and funded by the EU. It just got a new funding for 5 years. Interesting cooperation between the member universities.

EMGS students among the best at RUC. They are super motivated and very international.

RUC is not one of the founders, but joined the consortium in 2008. The regulation of the programme states that it is awarding double degrees, but with the latest funding this has been changed into a joint degree. This is an issue at RUC as the programme is placed in a science environment whereas the other partners have placed it in a humanities environment - so how can we meet the requirement of a joint degree? This is a legal issue plus the present students signed up for a double degree so we cannot change it to another degree for them. Still, in the longer run, it is a requirement from both the consortium and the Commission. Furthermore, it is the GDS programme that is the perfect match at RUC, not one of our humanities programmes.

Comments

- Laura stated that it is going to be a long process.
- Line would like the programme to be more anchored in the study board and GDS environment.
- For the time being there is roughly a bit more than 10 students per year.
- Keep and consolidate the programme.
- Message to Bodil: We are not a Humanities environment, but the study board supports being a part of the programme anyway.
- Important to integrate the students into the GDS environment.
- New rule from the latest funding: the students cannot start their programme at their home university which will be an advantage for RUC.

Laura, Bodil, Michael and Helle continue the work.

Punkt 6: Foundation course

The Foundation Course is undergoing a revision. The course convenor, Markus-Michael Müller, will be joining the study board meeting to inform and discuss with the board.

Beslutning

The item was post-poned to the next meeting.

A group is working with Markus on the revision, but there is nothing in writing yet.

Helle checks if the law demanded 10 ECTS of external examination has to be on the first semester. If it does not [*post meeting note: it does not - it can be placed anywhere*], this leaves more flexibility as to the exam form.

Punkt 13: Lukket

Punkt 7: Length of courses

The study board wanted to have an item on the September meeting regarding the length of courses and the quality assurance regarding this.

Beslutning

Postponed.

Punkt 8: Lukket

Punkt 9: Lukket

Punkt 10: Election - who is running?

Planning for SB-mobilisation campaign with the students and Laura visiting the big courses.

Beslutning

Two new students have shown interest. With Maria (student aid in the ISE secretariat), Sofie is making a video about what is it like to be on the study board and it will be shared on SoMe.

Deadline for candidates: 5 October.

Punkt 11: Students' item (recurrent)

The students of the board have this recurrent item on the agenda where they can rise discussions.

Beslutning

Nothing to be discussed this time.

Punkt 12: Any other business

Beslutning

Vilte informed the study board about the poor/wrong information on Intra. E.g., it is not even clear which studies the study board is responsible for. Helle explained that the system behind Intra is so complicated that only a few employees in the secretariat know how to use it and that this is why they have fallen behind with the update task.

Laura will complain about this to Bodil.