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Punkt 1: Approval of the agenda

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

Beslutning

The agenda was approved, but during the meeting it became necessary to add a new item 8, Proposals from heads of studies.

Present: Line Engbo Gissel (conducting the meeting), Laura Horn (via Teams), Lone Riisgaard, Thomas Paster, Sofie Würtz, Vilte Maldziute, Laust Schouenborg,

Not present: Oliver Jay Tang Byron (vice chair), Aleksander Fløystrup Nielsen, Somdeep Sen, Sune Haugbølle

Punkt 2: Approval of the minutes of the meeting on 27 September

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

Beslutning

The minutes were approved.

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Minutes-2023-09-27.pdf

Punkt 3: Orientations from the chair, students, committees etc.

Beslutning

Laura informed the study board about the lack of manpower in the secretariat in November, December and partially also during January. Laura encouraged the board to have patience during this period.

The lack of manpower means, among other things, that the minute taking in November and December will be carried out by the board itself. No tasks were given at the meeting, but Laura asked everybody to be mentally prepared for taking decision minutes.

Sofie added that the SMTs have been asked to help concerning minutes and found, that maybe it is not a good idea to change minute takers.

A volunteer will be found at the beginning of the next meeting for the next meeting.

Punkt 4: Mid-term evaluation

Beslutning

Laura stated that normally the mid-term evaluations are related to the evaluation process, but she thinks that it is a good idea to do it in all courses. She would like the board to receive a few notes from the course convenors.

No reminders have been sent to the course responsables who's courses are up for evaluation this semester. This, though, does not seem to be a problem, as it was made clear from the beginning that mid-term evaluations are expected to be carried out.

Line stressed that there is freedom of method for mid-term evaluation, and told that she sometimes does individual mid-term evaluations (printed questions).

Punkt 5: Approval of activity descriptions at study.ruc.dk (faglig formidling)

Beslutning

Laura will be filling in "Labor in the Global Economy".

Laust will fill in the missing fields of the projects in Applied International Policy and Applied International Politics and Governance by copy/pasting from previous semesters.

For the IS course, EU as a Global Actor, the exam form was written in the evaluation and feedback column. The study board checked that this was the right exam form and approved the Evaluering og feedback-column.

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Meeting in	The Study Board for International Studies
Item on the agenda	Item 6, Approval of activity descriptions at study.ruc.dk (faglig formidling)
Task	It is recommended that the study board: • Comments and approves the course descriptions on study.ruc.dk concerning GDS, IPG and • Clarifies if a course lacks something in the description (to be corrected and then approved at the November meeting)
Appendices	Memo: Study.ruc-F24 Excel sheet: Kvalitetstræk_F24_1-faner m. udd.

Punkt 6: Approval of courses in Spring 2024.

The study board is asked to approve to new IPG courses for the spring semester of 2024.

Normally, it would be far too late for approving new courses at this point, but since there are very good reasons for the delay, this has been approved by the central administration. The new courses are an advanced study seminar and a methods course.

Appendices:

Description of Grand Strategy and Foreign Policy

Description of a methods course in Policy Analysis

Beslutning

Due to a research grant, IPG is a specialisation and a methods course down. The schedule for coming courses indicated that Laust and Thomas were the next ones to deliver courses. Thomas' methods course is about Policy Analysis, but this leaves the study board with three different policy analysis courses which is too much of the same.

It was suggested that the mandatory GDS course is also offered to the IPG students. Helle remembered to have done something similar when writing transition rules for BAL, but checks this with the central administration. Short term, the board decided to use this option if it's legal. Otherwise, Thomas' course must be offered.

Long term, a permanent solution could be to mix the two so it is relevant for both IPG- and GDS-students. This will also decrease the number of needed teachers which would be an advantage as Thomas has had problems finding available teachers for his methods course.

For students it is important to have a lot of choice. The GDS-one is not the obvious choice for IPG-students, but this is ok short term.

A permanent solution should be on the agenda at a later meeting.

Laust's course was approved.

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Grand strategy and foreign policy - new course description Oct 2023.docx

methods of policy analysis draft outline.pdf

Punkt 7: Changes to study regulations

It is recommended that the study board:

- discusses/decides on the suggestions for changes to the study regulations of the programmes of the board.

Suggestions for changes to study regulations of the Board of Studies for International Studies are found in Appendix 2.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Memo - Changes to study regulations

Appendix 2 - Suggestions for changes to the Board of Studies for bachelor programmes in Social Sciences

Appendix 3 - Suggestion for changes to the methods course Social Science Analysis Strategy

Appendix 4 - E-mail from heads of studies

Beslutning

Changes to the Foundation Course were approved.

Changes to Social Analysis were approved. Sofie noted that it should be made clear to the students (Study, Moodle) that the presentation at the oral exam is taking place in front of the other students - not just the examiners.

The corrections concerning Subject Module Project 2 in International Studies were approved.

At the November meeting, the study board should decide where to place the remaining 10 ECTS of external examination (40 ECTS in all - the other 30 are on the thesis). Lone recommends a project now that they are 10 ECTS.

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Analysestrategi-changes to exam.pdf

IS-SMP.docx

Punkt 8: Proposals from heads of studies

During the meeting, the board decided to put this issue on the agenda as a separate item.

Laust made it clear that the intention of the heads of studies was to talk about deciding principles, not changes to the study regulations.

Beslutning

The heads of studies had forwarded three proposals for the study board.

The first one was about credit transfer and study abroad, the second about the length of courses and the third about prerequisites for internships. As the board was running out of meeting time, the second and the third proposals were postponed.

At semester start, Laust was asked when the students can go abroad. The executive order on MA and BA programmes (Uddannelsesbekendtgørelsen) is very flexible and the Common Rules do not decrease the flexibility. So, in principle, all credits are up for transfer.

Laust has talked to the other heads of studies of the board about this and he and Som find that some alignment on this subject between different studies is a good idea, and have come up with proposals for principles for when the students can study abroad.

The study board discussed the proposal and agreed that they would like a set of principles on study abroad. Laust was asked to rewrite the proposal so that it only concerns study abroad. Laust will run his suggestion by Martin Stampe Noer in "Uddannelsesjura" before it is presented to the study board at a later meeting.

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Punkt 9: Follow-up on the study board's action plans

The study board is to follow up on its action plans.

Since the secretariat has very limited resources for the next couple of months, there will only be little room for assistance on the follow up. The study environment tutors, though, are still able to assist on some of the tasks.

Appendix:

Action plans for IPG and GDS

Beslutning

Postponed.

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IPG action plan.docx

Punkt 10: The students' item

Beslutning

Sofie asked for better information about the bachelor project when students want to write across departments. This is an option but it is difficult to find information about it on Study. Moodle access is only gained close to project start which is too late.

In the study administration Sofie had been told that writing across departments is not an option. This is worrying as of all people they should know the rules. Helle reaches out to the Admin.

Helle informs Helene about the need for more information.

Punkt 11: Any other business

Beslutning

Nothing to report.