MINUTES MEETING 23

Forum Study Board for International Health

Meeting held 09-06-2016, 13-15

Place Meeting room 9.2.22, Building 9 at CSS

Minutes-taker Eva Duberg Nielsen

Present
Ib Bygbjerg (IB) – Head of Studies MScGH, Signild Vallgårda (SV) – Academic Sit-in for Marie Louise Nørredam, Karin Linda Schiøler (KLS) – Academic Representative, Diana Isabel Sotomayor (DIS) – Student representative MScGH, Amelie Gudorf (AG) - Student representative MScGH, Samya Rose Stumo (SRS) - Student representative MScGH, Dwi Prameswari (DP) – Student representative MDMa, Jana Becker (JB) – Student sit-in MScGH, Mariel de Guia Britanico (MGB) – Observer/Programme Coordinator MDMa, Eva Duberg Nielsen (EBDN) – Observer/Study Board Secretary, Carsten Sestoft (CS) – Observer/Case Officer and Pia Baggesen (PB) – Observer/ Academic Student and Career Counselor.

Agenda
1. Approval of agenda
   Approved.

2. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting
   Approved.

3. Personal items
MDMa:
3 students have received extensions in connection with their thesis work and hand-in deadlines.

MIH:
1 student has been deregistered from the programme as she did not fulfill the requirements given to her in previous dispensation. The student had reached the maximum period of study and it was unlikely that she could pass both core courses and thesis before the programme closes on 31st August 2016. The student will receive all transcripts from UCPH in order to complete the MIH at another TropEd university.

4. **Orientation from MIH**
The last two students are handing in their thesis during the summer. The journal *Ugeskrift for Læger* has a paper on 71 MIH candidates now working in their home countries: [http://ugeskriftet.dk/nyhed/dansk-bistand-gjorde-ghana-sundere](http://ugeskriftet.dk/nyhed/dansk-bistand-gjorde-ghana-sundere)

5. **Orientation from MDMa**
a. 2016 admission: 23 participants. Some will be admitted into the programme as students in a flexible master over a 3-year period. There are only two MScGH students in the Disaster Management study track this year.
b. Triplex final planning conference. It is also an opportunity for MScGH students following the MDMa courses to participate in the Triplex exercise.
c. Thesis seminar – 14th June.
d. Pre-graduation ceremony 13th July at 13.

6. **Approval of exam plans – MDMa**
The exam plan was approved.

7. **Approval of teaching curriculum – MScGH**
Approved.
The student group would like to have elective courses offered in the spring semester as well as fall semester.
The study board also discussed the Field Work placement in block 3. The MScGH students proposed to move the Field Work back to block 4 to ensure that students would have been properly presented to different tools and topics used during the Field Work. IB added that there was a lot to learn from the evaluations of the Field Work, and that the Field Work, particular in Poland, would be more structured next year, when a field work course is also offered to medical students.
The students asked to have a post Field Work seminar to present their research proposal to each other. This will be scheduled for the Field Work course in 2017.

8. Approval of exam plans – MScGH
   Approved.

9. Study Environment Survey 2016 – MScGH
   The survey showed that only 37% of the students who answered the survey (35) are using study groups actively during the programme. SV suggested that the programme facilitates organisation of study groups. The MScGH students were reluctant to having fixed study groups as it already happens on an informal level. They would prefer having seminars or other formal ways of being more engaged in to the material they are presented to in class.
   The study board also shortly discussed the number of hours used for preparation. SV reminded that studying is a full-time job and that is was concerning if the students only used 6 hours on preparation per week.
   The student group did not find that the number of students answering the survey were representative for the entire programme. IB encouraged students to always answering the study environment surveys in order to give the study board valid data to react upon if needed.

10. Orientation: Hearing on changes to course evaluation procedures
    The changes to the evaluation procedures would mean that mandatory courses would only be evaluated every 2nd year and the exam would not be evaluated. The study board found that there will still be an informal dialogue between students and course leaders.
    IB also suggested that the study board agendas could have new recurring item – orientation from the course leader. Follow-up when the changes to the course evaluation have been decided.

11. Short discussion of changes to the thesis guidelines – MScGH
    Course leader Dirk Lund Christensen (DLC) presented this item as a follow up to the meeting 30th May. DLC would like to add text to the thesis guidelines on the supervisor responsibility and that the student cannot expect the supervisor to read the entire thesis as a whole.
    The study board approved the suggestion. DLC and PB will write a draft to be presented in the next study board meeting.

12. Orientation programmes for incoming students MDMa – MScGH
    29th August to 2nd of September. Meet’n’greet on 7th September from 15 in room 5.0.22 at CSS for both programmes.
Intro week for MScGH students is being drafted, and will be sent out when possible. MScGH students will be asked to participate actively.

13. **Follow up on study plans and pre-approval of elective courses, incl. discussion on track-relevant course needs – MScGH**
   IB suggested specifying the current study tracks and courses offered according to job opportunities in international organisation, based on experiences from leading US schools of Global Health. SV protested this idea, arguing that more specialized study track would limit the broader job opportunities. KLS suggested that the study board focuses on the revision of course descriptions and to specify the competencies in the course descriptions.

14. **Follow-up on group seminars**
   The Student group suggested having the class broken up in two groups each week to study the literature in seminars. The student group also noted that course leaders should ensure that there are no repetitions from the different lecturers in the courses. SRS will draft the suggestion in writing in order for the study board to make a final decision. Follow-up in August.

15. **Graduation / farewell and welcome party incl. advisory board in September**
   9th September from 15-20. Invited speakers are Dr. Hans Kluge (WHO), Mr. Hans Henrik Saxild, Pro-dean for education at the faculty as well as a graduating student, who has still not been decided and Head of studies IB.

16. **Alumni Network – MScGH**
   The MScGH students presented this item. The talks and proposals continue. Emil Mølgard Morell from the Public Health department will be the main faculty connection. Information about the alumni network should be announced on the MScGH webpage. The network would like to arrange a MScGH KU week or weekend which could be combined with the graduation/ farewell party and in the also arrange future class reunions. The network is also considering creating a mentor network and keeping a data base on GH candidates updated continuously.

17. **Items for next meeting**
   - Follow-up on revision of thesis guidelines
   - Follow-up on group seminars
- Smaller changes to the 2015 MScGH curriculum and course descriptions
- Follow-up on new study board structure
- Follow-up on alumni network

18. AOB.

The next meeting in the study board is moved to 16 August 13-15.