

Study Board for Human Biology, Immunology and Neuroscience



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Present

Anders Woetmann, Claus Juul Løland, Jens H. Mikkelsen, Jan Pravsgaard Christensen, Michael Aagaard, Morten Schak Nielsen, Claire Francesca Meehan, Rune Nguyen, Lotte Vogel, Mie Gunni Pedersen, Peter Moltke Skov-Andersen, Sofie Smith Jacobsen, Andrea Lass Thy, Joao Tiago de Almeida, Zakarias J. Ogueboule, Iggi Juhl Petersen, Anna Sander Erstrup

Agenda

Ad 1) Approval of agenda
Approved.

Ad 2) Approval of minutes from last meeting (25 January)
Approved.

Ad 3) Messages by heads of studies

Immunology: Many non-EU applications were received, and they have all been reviewed. There have been fewer applicants than last year. EU applications have just been received, and they will be reviewed during the coming weeks. All applicants look quite qualified.

Neuroscience: There have been a total of 295 applicants this year. 75 of them are non-EU and 11 non-EU applicants have been offered a seat. The EU applications have not been reviewed yet. In total, there have been 45 % more applicants compared to last year.

Human biology: There have been received many applications this year: 50 non-EU applicants and 120 EU applicants, which is a large increase from last year. All EU applications will be reviewed during the coming weeks.

Ad 4) Messages by students

No messages.

Ad 5) Presentation, discussion and approval of Graduate Survey 2021 for the MSc in Human Biology (by the evaluation unit)

Jørgen Willadsen presented the Graduate Survey 2021 for the MSc in Human Biology.

Discussion of the results:

- The study board noticed the low number of participants in the survey. The graduate survey overall gives an impression of a well-functioning study programme that prepares the graduates well for the job market.
- The study board wishes to follow the development in coming surveys to see if especially international graduates stay and work in Denmark after graduation as there is a political focus on this.
- As for the lower number of graduates who continue in PhD positions, the Study board notes that the total of open positions have decreased which means more competition amongst all graduates. Some suggest to better train students in writing research applications, for instance to include this element in the elective course ‘Grant Application Writing’.
- The study board agrees that there could be more focus on job search opportunities towards the end of the studies. One thing could be to involve thesis supervisors and engage them in having talks with the students during their thesis work. Another step could be to ask the Faculty’s department of Education and Student Affairs also to focus on career guidance.

Approved with these comments.

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Ad 6) Discussion and approval of draft for the Programme Evaluation for the MSc in Human Biology, incl. research and competence matrix

Claus Juul Løland presented key points from the evaluation.

- Overall, there is a steady number of intake every year
- The drop-out rate increased in 2020 but have decreased in 2021 and 2022.
- The unemployment number is overall low.
- The proportion of international students is steady increasing. This will be brought more attention since it is of political interest.
- It is important to balance the proportion of Danish students as they can help the international students regarding network, administration, culture, etc.

Points for improvement:

- The current procedure for course evaluation is not sufficient as too few students respond.
- The Employers panel have not been active since 2019. Head of studies and AUS are working on putting one down very quickly.

The study board approved the draft for the programme evaluation. It will be discussed in the panel with the external experts in the beginning of June.

Ad 7) MSc in Immunology and Inflammation: Approval of programme report 2023

Head of studies presented key points from the programme report. The programme report was approved.

Ad 8) MSc in Neuroscience: Approval of programme report 2023

Head of studies presented key points from the programme report. The programme report was approved.

Ad 9) Miscellaneous

Anna Sander Erstrup will go on maternity leave from 16 June 2023.