

The Study Board for Human Biology, Immunology and Neuroscience



MINUTES

28 NOVEMBER 2023

Forum Study Board for Human Biology, Immunology and Neuroscience
Meeting held 28 November 2023 14:00-16:00
Place Maersk Tower 7.15.149
Minute taker Merete Evald

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Present

Human Biology

Academic staff: Claus Løland, Morten Schak Nielsen, Lotte Vogel (alternate), Michael Aagaard (alternate), Claire Meehan (alternate)
Students: Zakarias Kefil Jensen Ogueboule, Helle Margit Albrechtsen, Jonathan Emborg Fjalland Rasmussen

Immunology

Academic staff: Martin Kongsbak-Wismann
Students: Tiana Stanasic, Gaja Kobal, Rebecca Michelle Schulz

Neuroscience

Academic staff: Jens Mikkelsen (via Zoom), Birgitte Rahbek Kornum

Administration

Merete Evald (minute taker)

Agenda

1. Approval of agenda and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting on 14 September 2023
2. Election of Chairperson of the Study Board for the remainder of the year

3. Messages by heads of studies
4. Messages by students
5. Discussion and approval of course evaluations
6. Approval of changes to course descriptions for the academic year 2024/2025
 - a. Course in Bioinformatics and Systems Biology; changes to content and learning outcomes
7. Approval of new curriculum, new courses and changes to courses for MSc in Immunology and Inflammation

New curriculum

 - a. 2024 Curriculum for the Master of Science in Immunology and Inflammation

New courses

 - b. Clinical Immunology
 - c. Computational Immunology

Course changes

 - d. Applied Immunology; changes to the exam
8. Appointments for admissions committees (for selecting applicants for the programmes)
9. Discussion of questions on ChatGPT from the External Examiners of Medical Studies Chairmanship (Censorformandskabet for lægeuddannelsen i Danmark)
10. AOB

Ad 1) Approval of agenda and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting on 14 September 2023 and 2) Election of Chairperson of the Study Board for the remainder of the year

Martin Kongsbak-Wismann chaired the meeting in Anders Woetmann's absence and was elected interim chairperson for the remainder of the year. The agenda and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved without comments.

Ad 3) Messages by heads of studies

Human Biology

Claus Løland reported on ongoing activities, including planning a meet-and-greet event for Human Biology and Neuroscience students on 12 December. The Immunology students are also welcome. There was a consensus on sharing invitations to such events among the three programmes.

Neuroscience

None.

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Immunology

Messages were included in later items on the agenda.

Ad 4) Messages by students

Zakarias Ogueboule raised concerns about the workload disparity among electives on the Human Biology programme. The issue was acknowledged by the academic staff on the Study Board, and students were advised to discuss the issue directly with the course leader on the course brought up as an example (Joshua Brickman, Stem Cells in Mammalian Development Differentiation and Disease).

Ad 5) Discussion and approval of course evaluations

Two Human Biology courses were up for evaluation. Claus presented the evaluations for both courses as Head of Studies. Both courses were categorized as B courses.

- Pharmacology and Toxicology

Some challenges were noted in Pharmacology and Toxicology due to lecturer resignations. The course is being restructured so that students are taught by fewer lecturers. Furthermore, there have been some feedback on the way the course material is structured on Absalon, which is being addressed.

- Laboratory Animal Science, Human Biology

The Study Board discussed the level of hands-on experience in the course and whether it was an issue that students are receiving a certificate based mainly on theoretical knowledge, and not necessarily adequate practical skills.

See annexes to the minutes for ABC categorizations.

Ad 6) Approval of changes to course descriptions for the academic year 2024/2025

- Bioinformatics and Systems Biology

Lotte Vogel addressed previous student feedback on the course in relation to her course in Molecular Biology and Genetics and discussed potential overlap with the present Human Biology students.

Tiana Stanic had suggested some language improvements to the course description, which were approved by the Study Board along with the changes suggested by the course leader.

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The course leader for Bioinformatics and Systems Biology approved the Study Board's suggested changes on 5 December 2023.

Ad 7) Approval of new curriculum, new courses, and changes to courses for MSc in Immunology and Inflammation

Martin presented the new curriculum, which is incorporating recommendations to include computational immunology early in the programme. Skin Immunology will now be mandatory, while Laboratory Animal Science has been moved to electives, and Allergy, Autoimmunity and Inflammation has been downsized and renamed Clinical Immunology.

Advanced Basic Immunology changes its name to Basic Immunology, and a formal requirement for a group project will be introduced to Applied Immunology and to Clinical Immunology. The overall exam load for the programme remained largely unchanged.

The Study Board approved the new curriculum and the course changes.

Ad 8) Appointments for admissions committees (for selecting applicants for the programmes)

All programmes expressed satisfaction with the current setup. Jens Mikkelsen commented on the time-consuming nature of candidate interviews, and there was a short discussion on the suggestion of interviewing all applicants on Human Biology, but this was deemed too time-consuming and not decisive to the outcome.

Ad 9) Discussion of questions on ChatGPT from the External Examiners of Medical Studies Chairmanship (Censorformandskabet for lægeuddannelsen i Danmark)

The use of ChatGPT was discussed with examples from use in class and preparation for teaching. Concerns about cheating and misuse in examinations were also brought up. There was general agreement to follow the development and that it is important everyone knows how to use AI and its limitations.

Ad 10) Any Other Business

No additional items were brought up.