Study Board for Human Biology, Immunology and Neuroscience

MØDEREFERAT

21. september 2026

Forum	Study Board for Human Biology, Immunology and Neuroscience
Meeting date	17 September 2026, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Place	Maersk Tower, 7.15.122
Minute taker	Christina Faber

Present
Jens Holm Mikkelsen, Malllika Shinkre, Anders Woetmann Andersen, Claus Juul Løland, Sofia Alvarez, Jan Pravsgaard Christensen, Panagiola Anagnostou

Guests:
Merete Evald, academic officer
Jørgen Kurtzhals, vice dean

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Agenda

Ad1) Approval of Agenda
Approved.

Ad2) Review and approval of exam and teaching schedules for spring 2027
The item was presented by Merete Evald.

Human Biology:
Approved

Immunology:
Approved

Neuroscience:
Approved.

Ad3) Presentation of development year in the quality assurance program

The item was presented by Jørgen Kurtzhals.

Status of the degree programs:
The progress and the employment of the programs were presented and discussed

Employment rates following graduation are very high for all three educations. However, it has limited effect on intake because our educations are grouped with other educations also from other universities with significant lower employment rates

Development of the current quality assurance system:
The quality assurance system at UCPH is being revised to strengthen focus on quality and development of educational programmes.

Sustainability
Jørgen Kurtzhals emphasized that the mind-set is important in ensuring the integration of sustainability into educational programmes and referred to the pharmaceutical programs as an example.
The head of studies noted that sustainability has much more focus in the second-year programs when the students spend more time in the laboratory settings than in the first year.

The master's degree program
A new master's degree program at UCPH and in the country in general will be introduced in 2028 and implemented gradually.
It will remain possible to complete an ordinary 120 ECTS master's degree as of today.
In addition, a one-year master's and two-year programs for working professionals will be offered for specific studies.

New timetable and annual structure
Jørgen Kurtzhals introduced the new structure. A detailed implementation plan has not yet been finalized.

Ad4) Approval of admission committees for 2027

All committees were approved as is.

Human Biology:
Morten Schak Nielsen and Claus Juul Løland.
Panagioula Anagnostou.

Immunology:
Jan Pravsgaard Christensen and Anders Woetmann Andersen.

Neuroscience:
Jens Holm Mikkelsen and Birgitte Kornum – but the committee has not yet been defined.

Ad5) Discussion of the new admission procedure with regards to administrative support

The study board expressed serious concerns about the admission procedure. Last year the process caused considerable stress for those involved due to very limited time for assessing the applications, ineffective access to application materials and insufficient communication with the administration.

The Study Board requests that all relevant data, incl. the GPA and year of graduation, be made available on the shared S-drive.The Study Board strongly requested, depending on the number of applicants, and the complexity of the procedures, enough time to be able to conduct quality evaluations. The admission committee should be involved in the procedure and time frame, and the process transparent for everyone. It is also important to prevent stress reactions for those involved in this procedure.

Ad6) KU Election 2026 for students

Jens Holm Mikkelsen emphasized the importance of the student representation on the Study Board. The Board discussed ways to increase awareness of and engagement with the election among students.

The student representatives noted that the current setup does not adequately accommodate international students, as much of the election material is available only in Danish.

Further the procedure seems not to be practical for small educations as represented by this board.

Ad7) Messages by head of studies
Human Biology:
The course evaluation from the previous semester were very detailed. The Head of Studies thanked the students for their excellent work in providing thorough and constructive evaluations.

Immunology and inflammation:
Several African students enrolled in the program have been unable to obtain visas.

Neuroscience:
A new class started with 26 students.

Ad8) Messages by the students
The students requested clarification regarding which courses are mandatory and which are not.

Messages by the administration
None.

Any other business
None.