

The Study Board for the Professional Masters' Programmes



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Forum Study Board for the Professional Masters' Programmes

STUDY BOARD SERVICES AND EXAM

Meeting held 24 January 2024

STUDENT AFFAIRS

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Present

Academic staff: Lene Jørgensen (MIND/MRA), Pernille Holst (CACS), My Catarina von Euler-Chelpin (MPH), Peter Furu (MDMa), Rasmus Feld Frisk (Neurorehabilitation, observer)

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Administration: Mette L. Bergenser, Christine Gulstad, Janni Stubkjær Rasmussen, Lisbeth Lyng Hansen (Zoom), Merete Evald

Agenda

1. Approval of today's agenda and approval of minutes from the previous two meetings
2. Orientation from the study programmes
3. Approval of changes to course descriptions and curricula
4. Discussion on questions from the working group on sustainability
5. Briefings from the administration
6. Constitution of the Study Board as of 1 February 2024
7. Meeting dates for 2024

Ad 1) Approval of today's agenda and approval of minutes from the previous two meetings

The agenda for the meeting and the minutes from the previous two study board meetings on 15 and 29 November 2023 were approved.

Ad 2) Orientation from the study programmes

My/MPH: Reported concerns about enrolment, but the introduction went smoothly. The programme has moved courses to biennial uptake to make up for low participation. The planning of a new conference in October is underway following a successful one last year.

Pernille/CACS: Discussed the upcoming programme evaluation and presented the proposed experts. Furthermore, Pernille spoke about her aim to make the programme certified sustainable. She is looking for an equivalent to LEAF for clinics and is exploring collaborating with the dentistry clinic in the hope to adapt their knowledge.

Peter/MDMa: The students are now at their final course and are about to start their electives. However, they have experienced some visa issues with India where one of the electives focuses its field course. Katharina reported some dissatisfaction among the students as there are only three electives this year, which means that the students not going to India don't have alternatives to choose from, and this wasn't clear when they signed up for the programme.

Lene/MIND/MRA: Reports that they will have to re-evaluate whether to continue annual uptake or change it to biennial due to low uptake.

Rasmus/Neurorehabilitation: Students are starting the last course, and the academic staff is preparing for the fall courses. They have had to rearrange some courses due to academic staff finding other jobs, which has also meant postponement of some activities from 2025 to 2026.

Ad 3) Approval of changes to course descriptions and curricula

The different changes to course descriptions and curricula were presented:

Course description changes

CACS: Multiple courses have adjusted the workload to reflect the actual workload.

MIND/MRA (SMIMIL02IE & SMRMIF01U): The programmes have decided to allow AI/LLM models as an aid for making the project reports. The Study Board discussed how to properly reference e.g. ChatGPT, the limitations of it and the risks of “bad science”. Lene noted that the written reports in these courses are followed by an oral exam.

Personalized Medicine (SPMM21005U): The course has made minor adjustments to the topics introduced to students in the course.

Curricula changes

All programmes: Mette gave an overview of the previous Study Board discussions on common guidelines which are now being implemented in the curricula. While there are small differences between the programmes, there are three models overall.

CACS: The programme has reworded their progression requirements in the curriculum to account for e.g. maternity and paternity leave.

MIND/MRA: Both programmes have updated their curricula to adhere to the rule for establishing courses with less than 10 participants.

Personalized Medicine: The Danish Bioanalytiker-uddannelse has been added to the curriculum as qualifying for admission as it is a target group for the programme. The Board discussed whether this is disregarding other bachelor programmes that are not directly qualifying, but the programme expects these to obtain dispensations if they apply. Furthermore, the programme has implemented the rule for establishing courses with less than 10 participants.

The Study Board was not quorate; decisions from the meeting were sent for written approval and were approved on 2 February 2024.

Ad 4) Discussion on questions from the working group on sustainability

All heads of studies have received an e-mail from the working group since their visit in November. Mette will write up a suggestion for a joint reply that all heads of studies can contribute to. However, each programme must still fill in the overview of sustainability in their programmes' courses individually.

The Study Board discussed the difficulty of determining the meaning of sustainability in the context of the different courses and programmes and the risk of “washing out” the concept. Peter (who is part of the working group)

encouraged the Board to approach the working group if they have any questions.

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The Board agreed that there is a need for more examples that are relevant to their specific programmes, e.g. clinic examples for CACS and laboratory examples for MIND/MRA. Additionally, Pernille felt that at some point it is no longer enough to take all SUND's sustainability courses; even though they are excellent, they are not specific enough.

The Board has not decided on a principle on integration and all programmes have a common challenge in being relatively short and demand-/needs-driven and therefore unable to fit in an entire course on sustainability; instead, the working group has encouraged them to integrate sustainability thinking into their entire programmes.

Ad 5) Briefings from the administration

Exam plans: will be sent for written approval on 23 February 2024.

Online oral exams: not possible (except for master's projects).

Reorganization of re-exams: only one course has requested the specification which will be handled at a later point.

Ad 6) Constitution of the Study Board as of 1 February 2024

The election of chairperson was postponed to the next meeting as there was no candidates; Lene will continue as chairperson until a new one is elected in April. The role of vice-chairperson was also left open.

It was suggested that heads of studies take turns leading the meetings so that the chairperson will be more of a formal role than a practical one.

Ad 7) Meeting dates for 2024

It was decided that the best way to determine a time of day for the meetings of 2024 is via a doodle poll that includes several options for the suggested days. Merete will send out polls.