

The Study Board for the Professional Master's Programmes



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STUDENT AFFAIRS

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Study Board: My Catarina von Euler-Chelpin (MPH), Rigmor Højland Jensen (MHD), Pernille Holst (CACS), Lene Jørgensen (MIND/MRA), Rasmus Feld Frisk (Neurorehabilitation), Emmanuel Raju (MDMa)

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Agenda

1. Approval of today's agenda and the minutes from the previous meeting on 11 April 2024
2. Orientation from the study programmes
3. Approval of exam plans for spring/summer 2025
4. Briefing on appointment of heads of studies
5. Approval of new MDMa and MIND/MRA members of the Study Board
6. Discussion of representation areas for the new employer panels
7. Discontinuation of Master of Medicines Regulatory Affairs (MRA)
8. Approval of new elective on Master of Public Health
9. UCPH elections 25-29 November 2024
10. Briefing on the administrative reform at UCPH
11. Any other business

Ad 1) Approval of today's agenda and the minutes from the previous meeting on 11 April 2024

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The agenda was approved with the addition of an item on "Any Other Business".

The minutes from the meeting on 11 April 2024 were approved.

Ad 2) Orientation from the study programmes

CACS (Pernille): The programme has launched a new webpage, which is a significant upgrade. They have begun planning enrolment for 2025.

MHD (Rigmor): The programme is running well and is ready to start the fifth programme. Half of this year's applicants were rejected due to lack of available spots. The programme has appointed a recent graduate to help them update the programme and conduct a survey covering all students back to 2016. This is part of the follow-up to the programme report and separate from the University Graduate Survey. Lene suggested that the results are presented at a future Study Board meeting.

MDMa (Emmanuel): The programme has also launched a new and improved webpage. The course is running with a few changes in the spring schedules due to staffing.

Neurorehabilitation (Rasmus): The programme has just started the third round with 24 new students. They have added two new psychologists to teach courses. Rasmus is the new Head of Studies as of 1 September.

MPH (My): The programme is running fine despite a low intake of students. They aim to recruit from a different/larger population in the future. They are starting a new course in mental health in spring and are currently planning their annual conference for October.

MPMed (Mette): Due to low intake at both MPMed and MPH, an analysis and interview with potential students will be conducted by an external consultancy to improve the programmes. Both programmes are identifying new target groups.

MIND (Lene): A working group has been established to revise the 20-year-old programme, which is still running in the same format, but is struggling in some areas.

Ad 3) Approval of exam plans for spring/summer 2025

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All exam plans for spring/summer 2025 were approved.

Ad 4) Briefing on appointment of heads of studies

Lene briefed the Study Board on the reappointment of Rigmor Højland Jensen and Sisse Rye Ostrowski as Heads of Studies for Master of Headache Disorders and Master of Personalized Medicine, respectively, for the next appointment period 2025-2028 along with the new appointment of Rasmus Feld Frisk as Head of Studies for Neurorehabilitation from 1 September 2024 and the next appointment period 2025-2028.

The Board discussed the Study Board role in appointing Heads of Studies, the HR complications of clinical staff being Heads of Studies and the remuneration of the function.

Ad 5) Approval of new MDMa and MIND/MRA members of the Study Board

New student representatives for MDMa Abdel “Abe” Amir Darwiche and Kalyssa Ellen Heinrich (alternate) were approved.

New VIP representative for MIND/MRA Morten Andersen was approved.

Ad 6) Discussion of representation areas for the new employer panels

Lene presented the new employer panels with Mette adding that the new panels will be more strategic and with a broader perspective. It will still be possible to have groups to give more specific feedback to the individual programmes, but it will be the programme’s own responsibility to initiate and maintain such groups.

The Board discussed their concerns and the pros and cons of the new panels, specifically that there are many programmes represented in some of the panels.

Lene encouraged the Board to send in names and representation areas so that they can be considered when deciding the new representation areas of the employer panels.

Ad 7) Discontinuation of Master of Medicines Regulatory Affairs (MRA)

Lene presented the issue of the MRA programme having struggled for some time. They haven’t enrolled new students for the previous two years. There

are still many single course students, but this isn't financially viable. They are therefore in the process of closing the programme and have planned how to offer the last courses.

The discontinuation was approved by the Study Board and will be sent for approval at the Deanery.

Ad 8) Approval of new elective on Master of Public Health

My presented the new elective "Mental health promotion – From theory to practice". She thinks that it is an important subject area and a general concern in society, especially for young people. The course is made in cooperation with the ABC Partnership, which is also where they expect most students to come from.

The new elective was approved by the Study Board.

Ad 9) UCPH elections 25-29 November 2024

Lene briefed the Board on the upcoming elections. She strongly recommended that all ordinary members have alternates, so that it is likelier that all programmes are represented at the meetings.

The Board discussed previous problems with signing up as candidates. The administration will support the Study Board in clarifying deadlines and finding assistance if problems arise again.

Ad 10) Briefing on the administrative reform at UCPH

Mette introduced the ongoing administrative reform at UCPH. The aim is to move finances from administration to research. Currently, the administration is awaiting a round of layoffs in November and another in 2027. The new organization will take effect on 1 March 2025.

EVU will be coordinated from one unit at UCPH, moving to "concern" ("Koncernen", ed.) with life-long learning. They are currently hiring a head of the unit, and Mette will lead the administration. She emphasized potential issues from the changes, which were discussed by the Board, especially the still undecided financial model, concerns about a larger workload for the Heads of Studies and the future division of tasks, which is still uncertain with 24 programmes coming together from different parts of the university.

Ad 11) Any other business

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Lene mentioned that the ABC categorizations of courses had been discussed at the Heads of Studies meeting, and that My had signed up for a working group. The discussion should be on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

Additionally, the issue of room allocation at CSS was brought up by Emmanuel. Mette explained the problems for this year and added that the prorektor has room allocation for master's programmes in general as a focus area.