

Study Board for Public Health Science and Global Health



MEETING 80

25. APRIL 2024

Forum Meeting in the Study Board for Public Health Science and Global Health, meeting 80

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Present

Signe Smith Jervelund, Britt Pinkowski Tersbøl, Terese Sara Høj Jørgensen, Long Nguyen, Dan Wolf Meyrowitsch, Inge Kryger Pedersen, Anna Sofie Ginty, Julia Anna Miller, Arunima Raghav, Marie Tolver Nielsen, Anna Aastrup Poole, Ellen Schrøder Hansen (adm.), Krístrún Lind Helgadóttir (adm.) and Julie Yndal (adm.)

Absent

Torben Heien Nielsen, Karoline Huber Pedersen, Sandra Helene Andersen and Agoritsa Axarli

1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting (annex 1)

The minutes from meeting 79 were approved with a few comments.

3. Orientation of changes to student representatives for PHS (Sandra Helene Andersen is to be student member and Anna Poole student alternate)

Signe Smith Jervelund explained that there is a change to the student representatives for PHS, Sandra Helene Andersen is to be student member and Anna Poole student alternate.

4. Status after meeting in the working group concerning the merging of the SB for PHS and GH and the SB for S&I

Signe Smith Jervelund provided an update on the merging of the two Study Boards. Signe and Britt Pinkowski Tersbøl met with the Head of Studies for Health and Informatics on April 9th. Signe outlined the meeting discussions, highlighting that it's still undecided what should be included in the recommendation to the Deanery.

The representation in the new Study Board was discussed at the meeting. Inge Kryger Pedersen argued that a representative from SAMF should remain in the new Study Board. Having a representative from social sciences is important, and their work in the Study Board will continue to be a high priority.

The Study Board values the representation of SAMF. It was agreed that Signe should advocate for SAMF to have a place in the new Study Board. Signe noted that an additional VIP seat entails an extra STUD seat. Given that GH is a smaller program (only MA) compared to PHS and S&I, it was accepted that PHS and S&I would each receive an extra student seat if this were the case.

5. Discussion and approval of draft of Programme evaluation (Uddannelsesevaluering- hvert 6. år) 2024 for PHS including discussion of graduate report (dimittendrapport) (annex 2)

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Ellen Schrøder Hansen (adm.) presented results from the latest graduate report. Ellen and Signe Smith Jervelund have collaborated to select focus areas from the graduate report.

Ellen highlighted three areas where respondents indicated a mismatch between the competencies gained through the program and the expected competencies in the job market:

- Ability to work on real-life issues and solutions
- Ability to communicate verbally
- Ability to work in a project-oriented manner

Several changes have been made to the curriculum since the respondents were enrolled in the PHS program. Therefore, it will be interesting to see how the report looks next time. In relation to the ability to work on real-life issues and solutions, the students suggested that working with real-world datasets might help. Signe will pass this information to the relevant course leaders.

One student asked about the positions graduates hold. Signe answered that the Association of Public Health has produced a report on positions and workplaces among the graduates of the Public Health Programme. Signe will ensure that such a list is distributed.

Signe has made a draft of the program evaluation for PHS and asked if there were any comments. There were positive responses and no comments. Signe noted that people were welcome to email her with comments.

Signe explained that the Associate dean for education was overall satisfied with the quantitative indicators in the program evaluation. Signe also pointed out that the unemployment statistics were low and still looking good. Signe explained that the dropout rates for the bachelor program have been fluctuating, but somewhat high for the last three years: 14.1% in 2021, 23.9% in 2022 and 9.2 % in 2023. For the master program the dropout rate has been around 7-9 % the last three years, which is higher than SUND standards. Signe and the administration will follow the dropout rates closely and there has already been initiated some actions to lower the dropout rate of the programs.

The draft was approved by the Study Board.

6. Discussion and approval of draft of Programme report 2024 for GH and graduate report (annex 3)

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Britt Pinkowski Tersbøl reviewed GH's program report and highlighted two indicators:

- "Completion of studies: ECTS per student per academic year (2022/2023)". The number is 48.1, and ideally, it should be 50.
- The students are delayed in their studies.

Britt explained that students often extend their studies with an extra internship or additional time to complete their thesis. In this regard, Britt emphasized that students need to keep in mind that expectations towards their thesis project should not be unrealistic.

The students commented that longer days with lessons would allow for better opportunities to work alongside studies. Especially for international students, it's important that they have time to work to receive SU. They want to keep the same number of lessons but rearrange them. Britt acknowledged the problem but also noted the difficulty of concentrating and having good learning outcomes through 5-6 hours of lessons per day.

The draft was approved by the Study Board.

7. Orientation from the student group

PHS:

The students conducted a brief survey on student counseling among the students. They want to share it with the student counseling at a Study Board meeting. With the survey, they aim to work towards more tailored guidance and to make it easier for the students to identify who to contact to get it.

The PHS students will share their questions with the GH students so they can conduct the same survey before counseling visits. Counseling will be invited to attend the June meeting.

GH:

It's frustrating that students have only a few days to consider which elective courses to take. The deadline is May 6th, and some courses are only announced on May 1st.

The GH students have been away due to the Country Exposure course. One half went to Poland, which was overall a good and well-organized experience. The other half went to Nepal. There could have been more clarification on the projects the students were to work on, and several students got ill. The students requested a protocol for handling illness

during exchange programs. Despite the challenges, it was still a valuable experience.

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8. Orientation from Head of Studies

PHS:

Signe Smith Jervelund provided an update on quota 2 applicants. There have been 118 applicants, which is an 19% increase. However, there's no increase in applicants who list the program as their first choice.

Due to legal claim, there's a very small chance of being admitted to the master's program through quota 2. This needs to be communicated to applicants so they don't waste their time applying.

The discussion revolved around whether unsuccessful applicants should receive individual, reasoned responses. Signe believes a standard response would be sufficient, as providing individual feedback would be extremely time-consuming. The administration will discuss this with the people working with admission.

GH:

One admissions meeting has already been held, and another will be held in May.

A new elective course is being offered in GH from the Fall semester 2024: "Sustainability and Climate Change in Global Health and Health Care Systems - From Global Systems to Community Action".

Britt Pinkowski Tersbøl expressed her appreciation for the students' contributions to the program. The students will also participate in a GH course leader meeting in May to inspire the teachers.

9. Discussion of evaluation results and approval of ABC-categorization for PHS- fall 2023 (annex 4) (confidential)

The Study Board had one correction to the ABC categorization. The categorization was approved.

The Study Board agreed that guidelines are needed for using the ABC categorization. Signe Smith Jervelund will draft some guidelines to be discussed at a Study Board meeting.

10. Discussion of evaluation results and approval of ABC-categorization for GH- fall 2023 (annex 5) (confidential)

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GH had the same discussion as PHS about the need for guidelines for using the ABC categorization.

The ABC categorization was approved.

11. AOB

A GH student requested a 'dictionary' for international students. There are many terms and abbreviations (e.g., AUS) that can be difficult to understand.

There is agreement in the Study Board that it can be difficult to determine whom to contact in AUS on different occasions. The administration will compile a list and share it with the Study Board.