

Study board for Public Health Science and Global Health



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Forum Study board for Public Health Science and Global Health

**AFDELING FOR UDDANNELSE OG
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Meeting date 25th September 2024, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Place CSS 9-2-22

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KØBENHAVN N.

Referent Julie Yndal

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Present

Signe Smith Jervelund, Terese Sara Høj Jørgensen, Torben Heien Nielsen, Long Nguyen, Jane Brandt Sørensen, Anne Sofie Ginty, Karoline Huber Pedersen, Marie Tolver Nielsen, Anna Aastrup Poole, Bruno Fernandes and Julie Yndal (referent)

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Absent

Britt Pinkowski Tersbøl, Sandra Helene Andersen, Agoritsa Axarli, Arunmia Raghav and Julia Anna Miller

Agenda

1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

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

The minutes from meeting 83 were approved.

3. Orientation from the exemption and credit transfer committees

No orientation was made.

4. Approval of recommendation for new Head of Studies for MSc in Global Health – Jane Brandt Sørensen (Annex 2)

The study board approved the recommendation for Jane Brandt Sørensen as new Head of Studies for MSc in Global Health.

5. Final discussion and approval of the summer course [SGLK22001U Creating Healthy Cities](#) to be offered for summer 2025

- a. The course responsables have not wished for any changes to the course for summer 2025.

The study board approved the summer course SGLK22001U Creating Healthy Cities for summer 2025.

Jane Sørensen noted that the course had many experienced participants this year, and that they had been happy to attend the course.

6. Discussion of suggestions for representatives in the new employer panel for the Public Health area (Annex 3 – Annexes are in Danish)

The study board discussed proposals for representatives in the new employer panel and agreed on a list.

Signe Jervelund has sent the list to AUS.

7. Discussion: Can the study board identify courses that can serve as pilot project in relation to transferring course responsibility to a center? (Annex 4 – Annex is in Danish)

- a. Links for research groups:
 - i. [Research Groups – BRIC](#)
 - ii. [Research Groups – CBMR](#)
 - iii. [Research groups – reNEW](#)

The study board would have preferred if the process had been reversed – that the researchers from the centers had initially reviewed relevant courses to see which ones they could identify with.

The study board identified the following PHS courses:

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- SFOB20001U Humanbiologi
- SFOB20005U Sygdomslære for ikke-klinikere
- SFOB20006U Statistik

It was briefly discussed whether researchers from the centers can develop elective courses. Long Nguyen has spoken with someone affiliated with one of the centers who is interested in developing an elective course on precision medicine in public health.

Follow up from AUS: If someone wants to develop a new elective course, they must contact the head of studies for the program under which they wish to offer the elective.

Follow up from IFSV: The development of new elective courses at PHS is currently on hold. This is, firstly, due to the upcoming master's program reform. Secondly, because there is ongoing work on a joint elective offering between PHS, GH, and Health Informatics. And finally, because developing new electives is costly, and there are already so many at PHS.

8. Discussion if Global Health wants to use the same guidelines for the A-B-C-categorization as Public Health Science (Annex 5)

Signe Jervelund noted that the A-B-C categorization is currently being debated within the educational management (uddannelsesledelseskredsen).

The study board discussed the guidelines that PHS approved at a previous study board meeting. Among other things, it was debated whether a course must necessarily be inspiring to be categorized as an A course, or if a course should rather be given the A category if it is well-functioning and there is a strong alignment between course activities and assessment criteria.

Both PHS and GH decided to make the following changes to their guidelines for the A-B-C categorization:

- For the A and B categories, the reference to inspiration should be removed.
- For the A category, it should be added that there is a strong alignment between course activities and assessment criteria.
- For the B category, it should state: The course is well-functioning but should incorporate some adjustments or adaptations.

9. Establishment of MA admissions boards based on principles for the appointment and composition of admissions boards (Annex 6 – Annex is in Danish)

It has been a huge task for the academic staff and the students to sit on the admissions boards this year, both at Global Health and Public Health Science. There is a lot of preparation involved.

The Study Board decided to implement stricter admission criteria for the MA in Public Health Sciences (PHS) during the September 2024 meeting. However, Signe Jervelund was misinformed by the admissions officer at AUS, who incorrectly communicated the timeline. The new criteria will not take effect until 2026. Jane Sørensen and Signe Jervelund will contact Jørgen Kurtzhals to inform about the time spent on this assessment work and that the formal material from AUS highly underestimate the actual time spent.

The study board decided to postpone the item about establishing the admissions boards to the next meeting in October.

10. Discussion of the thesis format at Public Health Science with inspiration from MSc in Health Science (Annex 7 – Annex is in Danish)

The study board decided to postpone the item.

11. Orientation from the student group

GH:

- There has been a good introduction for the new students at Global Health. Those in their second year are looking forward to getting to know the new students.
- The students are very much looking forward to the career day on October 10.

PHS:

- The students have heard from several that the first semester of the master's program is still quite challenging if one takes a full semester. The study board decided to await the decisions regarding the upcoming master's reform to discuss this further. Depending on the results from the master's reform, Signe Jervelund suggested that she could meet with some of the students to learn more about it. Afterwards, she could bring

their experiences to the study board. Then the study board can consider whether any actions need to be taken.

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- The students who attended the AMEE conference are hosting an AMEE mock-up conference, where everyone is welcome to participate.

12. Orientation from Head of Studies

Britt Tersbøl (Jane Sørensen made the orientation) (GH):

- Jane Sørensen agreed that the new GH students have had a good introduction. They are happy and busy with their courses.
- Tove Pedersen (AUS) is working on improving the process with the study tracks, but there are no updates yet. Tove Pedersen would still like to receive the student evaluations of the study track process, as this can also help provide an idea of what needs to be changed.

Signe Jervelund (PHS):

- Follow-up from the last meeting regarding a concern from the students that there are many students present during group lessons in [SFOB20008U Epidemiologi 2](#): Signe Jervelund has been in dialogue with Gitte Lindved Petersen who is responsible for the course. The course has two instructors, and the students are happy with the course. Gitte Petersen is open to making changes but has only had positive experiences with the course.
- There is career day on Thursday October 10 in week 41. Signe Jervelund asked the students to spread the word.

13. AOB