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Forum Meeting in Study board for Public Health Science, Global Health and Health Informatics

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Present

PHS: Signe Smith Jervelund (Chairperson and Head of Studies), Long Nguyen, Torben Heien Nielsen, Line Mathiesen, Ester de Witte Vestergaard, Anne Helene Hammeken Lunding, Sandra Helene Andersen, Line Mathiesen

GH: Lena Skovgaard Andersen, Lasse X Jensen, Hüma Nauroozi, Amy Gibbs, Lily Yeagley

HI: Iben Mundbjerg Gjødsbøl (Head of Studies), Ezio Di Nucci, Hubert Dariusz Zajac, Caroline Valentina Gaardsøe Rømer, Cecilie Løisemos (Vice-chairperson)

Adm.: Luna Asta Dalsgaard Wenning, Astrid Lund Heinsen and Tove Pedersen

Absent

PHS: Karoline Huber Pedersen

GH: Jane Brandt Sørensen (Head of studies),

HI: Henriette Langstrup, Tariq Osman Andersen, Nanna Rath

Agenda

Ad 1) Approval of the agenda (2 min.)

The agenda was approved.

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

The minutes were approved.

Ad 3) Presentation on development year in quality assurance program by Jørgen Kurtzhals (50 min.)

a. Educational quality and data

Jørgen Kurtzhals introduced himself to the Study board. The aim of today's presentation is to begin a dialogue with the Study board. Furthermore, he hopes to attend the Study board meeting once or twice annually.

i. Status of the degree program(s) (Annex 2 – Key Educational Figures and Data)

Jørgen Kurtzhals thinks the students are excellent, but he encourages the study programs to work with general alignment of expectations, diversity and gender balance. Generally, all programs need to be aware of the dropout rate and its implications, but it is mainly a problem for PHS (not GH).

ii. Development of the current quality assurance system (Annex 3 – Value Framework)

Jørgen Kurtzhals presented the development of the current quality assurance system. Jørgen pointed out that the course evaluations are a focus because they also could be improved. The Study board expressed positive experiences with dialogue-based evaluation and emphasized its wish for a continued prioritization of dialog-based evaluation in the coming restructuring of quality assurance of teaching and courses.

b. Sustainability

Due to lack of time, this item was not discussed.

c. The Master's Degree Reform (presented by Jørgen Kurtzhals)

Due to lack of time, this item was not discussed.

d. New timetable and annual structure (Annex 4 – annual structure)

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The submitted annex was outdated, and the Study board reviewed an updated version during the meeting. Jørgen Kurtzhals stated that the idea of the new structure is to accommodate taking courses across other faculties and allow movements. Jørgen has distributed the newest version of the structure to the Study Board after the meeting. The study board members voiced several concerns with the presented version:

- Students worry the new structure doesn't fit certain courses; some may become too long or demanding. Health Informatics 1st semester is already well-organized and changing it would be a loss. There is also uncertainty about how "running exams" would work.
- The new structure removes January teaching, which is noted as an issue for Health Informatics.
- Students note that in week 13, the reexam is scheduled before the regular spring exams. The structure doesn't account for students failing courses, and there is an imbalance: many exam weeks in spring but only one in autumn.
- Public Health students want one full week of preparation per exam and are concerned about overlapping exams in the new structure

e. Requests from the Study Board

Due to lack of time, we could not address this item during the meeting. It will therefore be handled in writing afterwards and sent to Jørgen Kurtzhals.

Ad 4) Orientation from the exemption committee and the credit transfer committees (Annex 5a, Annex 5b) (5 min.)

Tove Pedersen informed about the exemption and credit transfer committees. She addressed one rejected course of merit to the Study board.

Ad 5) HI: Discussion and approval of evaluation results and ABC-categorizations (Annex 6) (10 min.)

The ABC-categorization for Health Informatics was approved.

Ad 6) GH: Discussion and approval of evaluation results and ABC-categorizations (Annex 7) (10 min.)

The ABC-categorization for Global Health was approved.

Ad 7) Review of electives for the study year 2027/2028 (Annex 8) (15 min.)

The Study board reviewed the list of proposed electives for the study year 2027/2028. Several notes were made by the Study board:

- The study board suggests merging Health Complexity with SFOK24001U Mixed methods in Public Health
- The study board has requested to move Genetic Epidemiology from E27 (autumn) to F2028 (spring). **Signe will go back to the course leaders and ask if they can reconsider their requirements for Epidemiology 1 + 2 to make them recommendable instead as well as make it possible for GH students to apply for the course from an individual assessment of their epidemiology competences.**
- The study board requested to move Perinatal and early life epidemiology from spring (F2028) to autumn (E2027).
- Sustainability and climate change are criticized regarding the content especially of repetitive elements from the educational program in general. **Signe and Jane: planetary health dynamics (mandatory) is being repeated in this course. They need to revise the course.**
- Ethics of AI is a highly sought-after course, offered by both Public Health and Medicine. Signe Jervelund believes it should only be offered in one place, not least to save teaching resources. Discussion about whether the course can be designed so that it can be taken as either 5 or 10 ECTS (one UVA, two EKAs).
- Migration, diversity and health and Reproductive health ethics are offered by both Public Health and Medicine. Signe Jervelund believes it should be offered in only one place. Lena believes it is important to retain ownership of the course within Public Health. **Signe will look into the course Migration, Diversity and Health and Ethics of AI to ensure they are not published twice. Signe will discuss the matter with our VILU.**
- Advanced health economics needs to be added to the electives list.

The new list of electives will be pre-approved before the Study board meeting in May – and final approved at the Study board May meeting.

Ad 8) Bachelor project examination language (2 min.)

It is proposed that the language examination practice for SFOA09007U Kandidatspeciale, folkesundhedsvidenskab applies for SFOB20022U Bachelorprojekt: *"Specialet kan udarbejdes på dansk eller engelsk efter aftale med vejlederen. Ved engelsksprogede specialer kan den mundtlige præsentation og efterfølgende eksamination foregå på skandinavisk eller engelsk. Hovedvejleder skal registrere i Digital Eksamen, hvis eksaminationssproget ændres fra skriftsproget i specialet"*

The BA project examination language was approved. The administration will follow up regarding the timeline for implementing the change.

Ad 9) Orientation from the students (PHS, GH and HI) (10 min.)

PHS: had no comments on this item.

GH: Second year students feel abandoned and they request more dialogue. It is difficult to find a supervisor, impacting that their masters are being delayed, which is problematic. This issue will be discussed at a higher level among the head of studies and the VILU. This issue might also be discussed at the next All Staff Meeting. First year students do not experience sufficient communication about the master process in due time.

HI: Elective night has been held. Cecilie and Caroline will again this year be responsible for Study internship (*studiepraktik*).

Ad 10) Orientation from the Heads of Studies (PHS, GH and HI) (10 min.)

PHS: They had no comments on this item.

GH: They had no comments on this item.

HI: HI will participate in the Social Belonging intervention planned for the fall term.

Ad 11) AOB

Written orientation: The course descriptions and curricular for all programmes for the study year 2026/2027 are now published. The course manager has been informed.

No other business mentioned at the meeting.