Study Board for Public Health Science, Global Health and Health Informatics

MINUTES

Forum	Study Board for Public Health Science, Global Health and Health Informatics
Meeting held	29 April 13:00-15:00
Place	CSS 5-0-22
Minute taker	Julie Yndal

Present
PHS: Signe Smith Jervelund, Line Mathiesen, Long Nguyen, Torben Heien Nielsen (SAMF), Anna Aastrup Poole, Anne Helene Hammeken Lunding, Clara Lundmark Appel, Ester de Witte Vestergaard and Sita Khadka
GH: Jane Brandt Sørensen, Dan Wolf Meyrowitsch, Amy Bethan Gibbs, Julia Anna Miller and Lisa Gawes
HI: Henriette Langstrup, Iben Mundbjerg Gjødsbøl, Cecilie Løisemos Jashana Jani Balakumar and Nanna Rath
Adm.: Tove Pedersen and Julie Yndal (referent)

Absent
GH: Lena Skovgaard Andersen
HI: Tariq Osman Andersen (DIKU), Nicola Saggi Hjarsø

Agenda

1) **Approval of the agenda**

The agenda was approved.

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

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

3) **Orientation from the exemption and credit transfer committees (Annex 2)**

Tove Pedersen informed the Study Board that it is mistakenly stated in the course description for the course [Python programmering til datavidenskab](#) that the language of the course is Danish. In reality, the students have been taught and examined in English. Two students have submitted complaints about this. Efforts are being made to find a solution for the students and to correct the mistake in the course description.

Tove Pedersen also informed the Study Board that study activity controls are currently being carried out. This means that students whose maximum study period has expired and students who have exhausted their exam attempts will be asked to apply for an exemption. Additionally, it is being checked whether BA students have participated in and passed their first-year exam according to the rules. Students who do not comply with the rules for the first-year exam will also be asked to apply for an exemption.

4) **Approval of the recommendation for evaluation practices at Public Health Science (Annex 3)**

The Study Board approved the recommendation with a few comments.
Signe S. Jervelund will share the recommendation with the course leaders at PHS and will inform the students about the practices during her welcome lectures.
Jane B. Sørensen will take a closer look at the recommendation. At a later meeting, it may be decided whether the same recommendation should apply to Global Health.

5) **Student from Public Health Science to assist with the update of the psychology course**

Anna A. Poole will assist with the update of the course. Anne H. H. Lunding may also be able to assist. The students will also discuss it in the study council (fagrådet).

6) Discussion and approval of the study programme report for the academic year 2023-2024 for Public Health Science (Annex 4)

The study board discussed and approved the study programme report for Public Health Science with a few comments.

The students who have dropped out are still counted in the calculation of how many students complete their studies within the standard time. This can be addressed in the qualitative part of the report.

7) Discussion and approval of the study programme report for the academic year 2023-2024 for Global Health (Annex 5)

The study board discussed and approved the study programme report for Global Health.

The Study Board discussed the unemployment statistics for graduates from Global Health and how the small numbers can make it seem like a bigger problem (in percentage) than it actually is. It is difficult to obtain data on students who leave the country. The unemployment statistics provide a good opportunity to consider what can be done to help students enter the job market. Also going ahead, since the GH field is challenged at the moment.

Discussion and approval of the study programme report for the academic year 2023-2024 for Health Informatics (Annex 6)

The study board discussed and approved the study programme report for Health Informatics.

It is positive that the dropout rate has decreased. There is a promising number of quota-2 applicants for the study year 2025-2026.

8) Discussion of re-exam format
   a. Should regular exams and re-exams have the same format by default in the future?

Signe S. Jervelund explained the background of the item. Some students have speculated about which type of exam they would prefer.

Torben H. Nielsen commented that, for some course leaders, creating written exam papers is very time-consuming.

Clara L. Appel also commented that some students may need to take a re-exam for reasons other than speculation about more favorable re-exam formats.

The Study Board agreed that exams should be equal for all students. The Study Board decided that regular exams and re-exams should **not** per default have the same format. The Study Board can point to specific courses when it is necessary to change the re-exam format to match the regular exam format.

For now, the Study Board will request that the course leader for *NDAB21003U Python Programming for Data Science* and the course leader for *SGLK15007U Strategies for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention* change the re-exam format starting from the academic year 2026-2027. [The course leader for *SGLK15007U Strategies for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention* has already changed the re-exam format to an oral exam starting from the academic year 2025-2026.]

> **b. Should the Heads of Studies ask the course leaders not to recommend that students find workarounds regarding exams?**

The Study Board decided that the Heads of Studies can contact course leaders when needed.

9) Orientation from the students (PHS, GH and HI)

PHS: All groups have held their first mentor meeting. There has been great support from the Study Guidance. The students will evaluate it in order to share their experiences.

GH:
- If one writes their thesis in the second thesis period, they will finish in September, and there may be some issues with SU during the summer holiday.
- The first-year students will soon need to choose their study track.
- The first-year students would like to be mentors for the new students starting after the summer break.

HI:
- The students held an event about electives, with visits from students from PHS and some older HI students.
- The students feel at home after moving to CSS.
- The students are organizing a party during the introduction period in collaboration with PHS. The students from GH will also be invited to the party.

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

Signe S. Jervelund (PHS):

Signe S. Jervelund encouraged PHS students to apply for free admission to the conference [Den Nationale Folkesundhedskonference 2025](#), which will be held on September 15-16. The application deadline is May 15.

Jane B. Sørensen (GH):
- Right now, the admission of new students is underway, and soon the students' study plans will be processed.

- There is a student from Global Health who will present their thesis at Folkemødet in the KU tent.

Henriette Langstrup (HI):
Students from Health Informatics will again this year be able to apply to attend the conference E-sundhedsobservatoriet. It will take place in October. Henriette Langstrup will make a post on Facebook about the conference.

11) **Confidential: Discussion of evaluation results for Health Informatics from DTU and SCIENCE (Annex 7)**
The Study Board discussed the evaluation results for Health Informatics from DTU and SCIENCE. Henriette Langstrup will follow up on the courses based on the evaluations.

12) **AOB**
No other business

Written orientations
13) The reintegration of the Health Informatics mandatory bachelor course *Standarder, sikkerhed og kvalitet i sundhedsvæsenet* (DTU) has been approved. This means that the new course *Kvalitetssikring og informationssikkerhed i digital sundhed* will be offered starting in spring 2026.