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

Campus Administration North Education

Meeting held 24-06-2025, 12 to 2 PM

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Minute taker Astrid Lund Heinsen

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Present

PHS: Signe Smith Jervelund, Line Mathiesen, Torben Heien Nielsen (SAMF), Long Nguyen, Anne Helene Hammeken Lunding, Ester de Witte Vestergaard, Karoline Huber Pedersen and Clara Lundmark Appel

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GH: Jane Brandt Sørensen, Lena Skovgaard Andersen, Julia Anna Miller and Lisa Gawes

HI: Henriette Langstrup, Iben Mundbjerg Gjødsbøl, Tariq Osman Andersen (DIKU), Sarah Frances Homewood (DIKU), Nicola Saggi Hjarsø and Cecilie Løisemos

Adm.: Tove Pedersen, Christina Bjerregaard Wind and Astrid Lund Heinsen (referent)

Absent

PHS: Anna Aastrup Poole

HI: Jashana Jani Balakumar

Agenda

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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 Committee and the Credit Transfer Committees (Annex 2)

- No questions concerning the exemptions.
- Following several dispensations and having exceeded the maximum duration of study, it was decided that two students could not remain enrolled in their programme.
- The administration is currently processing applications from credit transfer students.
- Students from Health Informatics have requested specific Public Health Science courses for autumn 2025. However, these courses are not available to them because they are not offered in that semester. The Study Board representatives from Health Informatics were encouraged to inform their fellow students that they should read the course descriptions and check the study information page on KUnet for elective courses before applying.
- In connection with applications for transfer to Public Health Science at the University of Copenhagen (KU) from Public Health Science at the University of Southern Denmark (SDU), the administration wishes to create a list of courses at SDU that correspond to the first year of PHS at UCPH. The administration will send information about the curriculum and course descriptions to the Credit Transfer Committee. To be transferred to the same programme at another university, the student must have passed the equivalent of the first year of the programme they are transferring to. The administration has received information regarding Public Health Science at Aarhus University (AU). The Credit Transfer Committee will make a course list.

4) Approval of new exam dates for [Sundhedsvidenskabelig statistik](#) in winter 2025 (Health Informatics) (Annex 3)

The Study Board approved the new exam dates.

5) Approval of recommendation of a new member of the Study Board (Annex 4)

Lasse X Jensen as an alternate VIP member representing the area of Global Health.

The Study Board approved the recommendation.

6) Approval of cancellation of the elective course Infectious Disease Epidemiology in autumn 2025

The Study Board did not approve the cancellation of the course. The course coordinator has approved the credit transfer students. The course will be carried out as planned but cannot incur DVIP costs.

7) Approval of the teaching curriculum and exam schedule for Public Health Science, spring/summer 2026 (Annex 5)

The Study Board approved the teaching curriculum and exam schedule.

8) Approval of the teaching curriculum and exam schedule for Global Health, spring/summer 2026 (Annex 6)

The Study Board approved the teaching curriculum and exam schedule.

9) Approval of the teaching curriculum and exam schedule for Health Informatics, spring/summer 2026 (Annex 7)

The Study Board approved the teaching curriculum and exam schedule with one comment: There is no date for the reexamination for the bachelor's project in the exam schedule.

[There is no re-exam period because the bachelor project is offered in winter instead, so that is the re-exam.]

10) Meeting dates for autumn/winter 2025-26

Decided:

- a. Wednesday 24 September, 1 to 3 PM
- b. Wednesday 29 October, 2 to 4 PM
- c. Tuesday 25 November, 1 to 3 PM
- d. Tuesday 16 December, 1 to 3 PM
- e. Tuesday 13 January, 1 to 3 PM

11) Discussion of the Global Health study tracks (Annex 8)

- The Study Board discussed the possibility of eliminating the current study tracks to minimize the administrative burden and secure more flexibility for the students. It was argued that students should be free to define their speciality themselves without approval and instead receive qualified guidance.

- The Study Board wishes to eliminate four of the study tracks but keep the specialized Master of Disaster Management track 'Disaster Risk Management'.
- Jane will bring the discussion to the employer panel.
- Additionally, the student representatives expressed a wish for official recognition for their specialisation showcased on their master's diploma. Tove Pedersen will investigate the possibility of this.

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

PHS:

- The students are finishing of exams.
- The study council (fagrådet) received funding for the upcoming year.
- The study council will receive the evaluation of the mentor programme in August. This will be an item for the Study Board meeting in September.

GH:

- It is graduation time and people are looking forward to the next life chapter.
- The students have plans for engaging the upcoming first years in the Study Board work.
- There is a wish for knowledge concerning applying for funding to student activities. Astrid L. Heinsen will attach information from Health Informatics in the meeting notice/September agenda.

HI: The students are doing fine and got funding as well. The exams are almost completed for the BA students.

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

Signe S. Jervelund: The quota 2 committee has been working on the admission of quota 2 students and looks forward to accepting some excellent students.

Jane B. Sørensen:

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- “Meet your Head of Study”-event with the new Global Health students went well.
- There will be a new course coordinator for the mandatory course [SGLK20003U The Anthropology of Global Health](#). Maansi Parpiani is the new course coordinator.

Henriette Langstrup:

- The quota 2 committee for Health Informatics has also processed quota 2 applications. The percentage of quota 2 applicants will not be changed.
- There will be a social media campaign for the programme to attract aspiring students.
- There is found a temporary course coordinator for the mandatory course [SITB25002U Kvalitetssikring og informationssikkerhed i digital sundhed](#).

14) AOB

Question: What is the specific criterion for the number of students on a course before it is cancelled and why?

Signe S. Jervelund will ask for clarification concerning the exact procedure for course registration and cancellation and Astrid L. Heinsen will also bring it up to the administration.

[The information used to be included in the common part of the curriculum. For financial reasons, there should be 10 students for all courses across the university.]

Written orientations

- 15)** Education North (formerly AUS) has invited course coordinators to make changes to the course descriptions for the 2026-27 academic year. Course coordinators can do this until 1 November 2025.

In December 2025 and January 2026 (possibly also November 2025), the proposed changes must be reviewed and approved by the Study Board.

- 16)** The Study Board was supposed to approve the teaching curricula and exam plans for spring/summer 2026 at the August meeting. However, since the plans are already approved before the summer break, the August meeting has been cancelled.
The next Study Board meeting after the summer break will be held in September.