

To members of the Study Board for Security Risk Management
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MINUTES OF MEETING

11 OCTOBER 2024

Forum Study Board for Security Risk Management

Meeting date 7 November 2024, 10:00-12:00

Place Room 4.2.49

Minutes takes Troels Baagland (TCB)

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Attendees:

Anders Esmark (Head of studies), Caroline Bérard (Student representative), Cecilie Rystad (Student representative) Kevin John Heller (lecturer representative) and Troels Claus Baagland (Program Coordinator)

1) Approval of agenda and Minutes

The Meeting minutes from 2. October was approved, also the agenda was approved

2) Administrative Practice Regarding Exemption

Jens asked the Study Board to approve a practice, where it defined when the administration can decide on an exemption case, and when the Study Board should be involved.

The suggestions were the following:

- The administration can automatically give two extra exam attempts, when sufficient documentation has been provided.

Most students forget to cancel their exam registration, and that is why they have often used up their exam attempts.

- The administration can automatically extend the maximum duration of study with up to one year, when sufficient documentation is provided.

That means the maximum completion time is 3 years (2 year + 1 year).

- The administration can automatically extend the thesis three times and with a combined 18 months, when sufficient documentation is provided.
- All decisions where a rejection will lead to 'severe consequences' for the student, will have to be decided by the study board.

The Study Board approved all the suggestions.

3) Status on the master Reform/Anders

AE announced that 10 percent of the student places at UCPH's Master degree Programs will be converted to 75 ETCS by 2028. At SAMF this challenge is "solved" by converting the three international programs, SRM, Global Development and SDS to 1-year Master programs.

The template for the new 1 year-program must be sent to the Associate Dean before 15 November.

AE emphasized the importance of maintaining the academic profile in the 75 ECTS program while focusing on professional training in the 75 + 45 version.

AE highlighted the need for feedback on the reform, particularly on training for professional careers and addressing both the benefits and challenges.

Kevin raised concerns about the "Risk Management" title, suggesting it is a strong brand but could be reconsidered to better anchor the program title in security. There were also concerns about communication and the perception of vocational training. It was suggested to emphasize broader analytical skills alongside vocational training.

Various models were discussed, including a structure with 7.5 ECTS and a capstone project, with significant supervision during the summer.

The potential for a 75 ECTS + 45 ECTS model was also considered. The importance of maintaining the academic internship was noted, though it may not be feasible.

The necessity of paid internships was emphasized, with Cecilie noting that unpaid internships are not an option.

The importance of strong employee relations and partnerships was discussed, with concerns about competition from other institutions.

The flexibility of electives, particularly in the first semester, was discussed. A block structure was suggested to facilitate this flexibility. The need to balance compulsory courses with elective options was mentioned.

The Study Board generally agreed that the proposed changes are reasonable given the circumstances. There was an understanding that this is the best solution currently available, though continuous feedback and adjustments will be necessary.

The curriculum should cover the entire spectrum of risk management and security. A conservative approach was suggested for now, with the possibility of more significant changes later. The importance of ensuring students start on a reasonably equal level was noted.

The Study Board expressed no major objections to the proposed changes and found the conclusions fair.

The focus will be on maintaining a balance between academic rigor and professional training, with strong industry connections and flexible elective options.

AE Continue to gather feedback and make necessary adjustments to the program structure and content.

4) Exam Catalogue

Troels gave a brief presentation, highlighting that the motivation behind the Exam Catalogue was to comply with the Ministerial order and to establish a centralized and standardized exam format to reduce administrative burdens.

The Study Board raised one major concern regarding oral examinations. They argued that if students write a synopsis in a group, it should not necessitate a group examination. This principle also applies to written assignments, where the Board believes that group assignments could be assessed individually.

Apart from this, the Board did not identify any other direct conflicts with the current exam forms.

In the course “Organisation and Risk,” the Board viewed the Exam Catalogue as an opportunity maybe to reintroduce an exam format that aligns with the original intentions.

Nina suggested that Anders discuss the exam catalogue with Lars Tønder (HOS at Political Science) to ensure their views are aligned.

5) Re-appointer of the Head of Studies

The Study Board nominated AE for re-appointment as Head of Studies with one semester until 31. August. Thereafter the new Study Board will nominate another the new Head of Studies, since AE will withdraw as HOS.

6) Dispensations at Sociology

The study Board got an orientation from Jens

There have only been two exception cases, and this highlights that few SRM students know about the dispensations rules. AE therefor reminds the student representatives to help spread the info, that this is an option.

Caroline pointed out that the capability within the program is enough, e.g. one year extra is given automatically, and without a need for a dispensation.

7) Briefing from the Head of Studies

Kevin and Anders can continue as boar member from the Staff. Jonathan is appointed as a substitute.

Caroline mentioned that she will ask among the new cohort if some of them they could take over as student representatives. She will report bac (5 students have accepted to step in, as new student representatives).

8) Briefing from the Student Services

Nina held information meeting 50 participants. Info was given about the mobility window, dispensation etc.

There was a short discussion about the list of supervisors available for the SRM Master Thesis students. A few more supervisors will be added to the list

AE emphasised that there is no guarantee, that all students get the wanted supervisor, especially now where political science and SRM students are taught together.

9) Briefing from the Student Representatives

The student representatives asked if

10) AOB

The next, constitutive, meeting will take place in early February.

Troels said that there will be a Study Board Seminar the 3. February mostly meant for the new elected board members.