

To members of the Study Board for Security Risk Management



MINUTES OF MEETING

12 APRIL 2024

Forum Study Board for Security Risk Management

Meeting date 12 April 2024, 13:30-15:30

ØSTER FARIMAGSGADE 5
1353 KØBENHAVN K

Place Room 4.2.49

Minutes takes Troels Baagland (TCB)

Attendees:

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

1) Approval of minutes

The Meeting minutes from 19. February was approved.

2) Introduction of a common dispensation practice

JL introduced a proposal for common practice on dispensation practice in connection with death in the immediate family or close friends.

The Study board approved the proposed suggestion.

3) Dispensation Statistics

JL gave an orientation about the number of dispensations at SRM. and what the students are applying for. He asked if the students are aware about the opportunity for exemptions. The student representatives confirmed that the students are aware about this opportunity.

The Study Board did not have any further comments to the statistics.

4) Study Surveys

In general, the trendline, compared to 2021 and 2023, shows stability, with no major red flags.

However, the study board noted that doubts and negative thoughts persist to exist among the students, e.g. fear of saying something wrong. This could be a result of the high number of students in class this year.

Stress was also discussed since 28 percent of the students had indicated a high level of unhealthy stress. The study board discussed if there is an imbalance in the study life balance. It was mentioned that internship is a noticeable stress factor for many students.

Unfortunately, 5 students had indicated that they have had transgressive experiences, and a few students are feeling ignored or excluded from the student's community. The study board agreed that this is too many and agreed to remind the students about the Department's [Code of Conduct](#).

The study board noted that the survey shows that students have a good interaction with the lectures, although the students would like to have more knowledge about the research going on. AE points out that CMS and CAST already do a lot in that regard, e.g. CMS has a newsletter, where this is communicated.

The study board noticed the high level of student work, since 66 per cent of the respondents are having a job besides the studies.

5) Graduate Surveys

The Study Board noticed with satisfaction that the overall employment figures are fine.

AE mentioned the limitations of such surveys where student employability is measured.

We know why the students get a job, but the students might think that they get the job for other reasons. In other words, there exists a discrepancy between students' perceptions and the actual reasons why they got their first job.

Overall, it is the study board's impression that it is *the analytical capacity* which is *the* most crucial of the competences that the program gives to the students to increase their chances to have job success. And the figures show

that the students not only get jobs but also engage in work that aligns with their competences.

The study board discussed if more could be done to enhance employability, and to identify and address any existing gaps in that regard.

It was mentioned that jobs job placement often occurs through already established channels and existing networks.

It was considered if more could be done to participate in job fairs or increase the collaboration with external resources. But the Study Board is not the primary driver in this since such initiatives are centrally orchestrated by the faculty.

AE encouraged the students also to think about initiatives, such as establishing a job-network with external partners.

6) Curriculum revision for the course “Organization and Risk”

It was suggested to reduce the number of compulsory readings in the course Organization and Risk, since this, in general, would increase the relevance of the texts referred to in the casework. The following formulation was approved by the Study Board: *“Course literature is a syllabus of 4-500 pages and the case material included in the casework.”*

7) Briefing from the students

Nothing

8) Briefing from the Student Guidance

Nothing

9) Briefing from the Head of Studies

AE said that SRM has received 354 applications + 30 foreign students. Most of the applicants are highly qualified for admission, accordingly the acceptance rate won't be high.

AE gave a brief orientation about the Master reform, where 40 % of the Master programs within social science will be reduced from 120 ECTS to 75 ECTS.

AE fears that this ECTS-reduction will have severe consequences for the distinctiveness of the SRM program. The current beneficial cutting edge for SRM is eradicated. In other words, a reduced SRM-program will look like the other international Risk-management programs, and our graduates will be less distinctive at the global labour market. AE will focus on keeping the

generalist profile in his work with the Reform, and he emphasized that the Study Board will get involved in this work – especially during the autumn.

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10) AOB

The next meeting will take place in late June.