

To members of the Study Board for Security Risk Management



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MINUTES OF MEETING

Forum Study Board for Security Risk Management

Meeting date 19 February 2024, 13:00-15:00

Place Room 4.2.49

Minutes takes Troels Baagland (TCB)

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1353 KØBENHAVN K

Attendees:

Anders Esmark (Head of studies), Caroline Bérard (Student representative), Cecilie Rystad (Student representative), Marte Reed (Student representative alternate) Kristine Hemme (Students advisory) & Troels Claus Baagland (Program Coordinator)

AE welcomed the new members of the Study Board (SB): Caroline Bérard, Cecilie Rystad and Marte Reed. Caroline has been elected for the Study Board by an uncontested election and Cecilie and Marte have been appointed by rector.

1) Approval of agenda

Approved

2) Approval of minutes

The Meeting minutes from November 24, 2023, were approved by the board.

3) Inauguration of the new board

- Caroline Bérard was elected for the position as vice-chairperson.

- Cecilie Rystad was elected as student member of the sub-committee for credit transfer and exemptions.
- The study board approved the rules of procedure as presented in Appendix two

4) Plan for the work of the Study Board in the coming year

AE gave a brief orientation of the Study Board work for the coming period. The study board normally has 4 meetings per year. The main tasks are improvement of the course plan, teaching evaluations, follow up on study environment surveys and internal & external hearings.

AE said that especially two tasks will have an impact on the Study Boards workload this year. That is the Administration Reform and the master's program Reform.

The Administration Reform aims at saving 300 Mio. DKK per year in the administration cost to invest in research, education, communication, and innovation.

The master's program reform is a reform decided by the government, and the aim is to shorten a huge number of Master programs from 120 ECTS to 75 ECTS.

Especially the master's program reform will demand some extra efforts by the Study board during the autumn.

Finally, AE emphasized that the students are very welcome also to bring up topics for the agenda.

5) Approval of the course Catalogue for the Autumn Semester 2024

AE gave a presentation of the course catalogue for the Autumn 2024. No major changes to the obligatory courses were suggested. Four dedicated SRM electives were presented, which together with the electives at DPS and the common pool at Social Science give students 15-20 elective to choose from.

The board noticed that Intelligence is offered again (Lecturer Søren Sjøgren). This is a good thing since there is a demand for this course. It was decided that the course offered in the spring is exclusively for SRM students but the course in the spring will also be offered for students from outside SRM, but the course is strictly for MA students.

The Course catalogue was approved by the Study Board

AE encouraged the student representatives to ask their fellow students for other ideas to electives.

6) Course evaluations, autumn semester

TCB said that the response rate was 41,8 % for SRM compared to 46,5 for SAMF overall. It was noted that especially the electives scored below average, and the Study board agreed to encourage the teachers to prioritise evaluations e.g. to give the students 10 minutes to evaluate in the end of a course.

The study board ran through the teaching evaluations of the compulsory courses. One course (Organisation and Risk) had been categorised with an C. According to AE this is because the course is a merge of two other courses, and this has left the course with some structural difficulties that still needs to be addressed. Moreover, the case-intensive nature of the course means that the larger size of the 2023 SRM cohort presented particular difficulties.

It was considered to reduce on the number of pages and to rethink the casework.

AE will come up with a proposal for the next study board meeting.

The study board will nominate Jonathan Luke Austin for the teaching Award for his performance as teacher at the course Knowledge and Methods.

The Study board approved the A, B and C assessment report.

7) Curriculum Change: New Admission Requirements

AE informed about a Study curriculum change decided in January in a hearing by the former study board.

The new formulation added to the study curriculum is as the follows:

“Priority will be given to the following in the assessment of applications:

- *Grade average for the BA degree*
- *The proportion of relevant courses* taken as part of the BA (measured as ECTS)*
- *Grades for particularly relevant courses**

Relevant courses are defined as courses that fall within the general field of security risk management, either theoretically, methodologically and/or empirically.

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AE said that the change was decided because the admission criteria couldn't only be grade-based. He preferred to keep a minimalistic model, and therefore the formulation above was suggested and approved by the Study board. AE also said that the criteria were implemented somewhat hastily, and he would be willing to discuss the criteria again later, if the study board find that necessary.

8) Study Start Activities – Autumn 2023

AE encouraged the students to make sure that a study start group is established. The focus for the study group is to plan for the study start activities for the newly admitted students and with a focus on creating a welcoming atmosphere. The study advisory will help the group by sharing their experiences and participate in activities regarding study information.

9) Graduation for the new candidates

The students will organize a celebration, and Sarah Goetz is working on this. The ceremony will be held before the Master Thesis has been evaluated. This is because many students leave the country when they have handed in the Thesis.

10) Briefing from the students

The students asked if they could have some more days for reading between the exams in January. AE answered that this is not possible because there are three 5-days exams, and this leaves no space to reserve more days for readings.

11) Briefing from the Student Guidance

Kristine informed about the coming event held by the Study Advisor 18. March focusing on the mobility window in the 3. Semester. The event is held together with SDS and GD.

12) Briefing from the Head of Studies

AE gave a brief status for the Master Reform. Negotiations are still going on, but it is most likely that the SRM Master's degree programme will be shortened to 75 ECTS. This will not apply to the students already admitted to the programme.

TCB gave a brief status for the Administration Reform. The study administration will be centralised and located in a concern + three administration centres (Southern campus, Northern Campus and Campus Frederiksberg).

13) AOB

The next meeting will take place 12. April 13:30-15:30