

To members of the Study Board for Security Risk Management



MINUTES OF MEETING

11 OCTOBER 2024

Forum Study Board for Security Risk Management

Meeting date 2 October 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 12. April was approved, also the agenda was approved

2) Course Evaluation

Risk Regulation and governance

Still a B-rated course, but the evaluation results have gone down compared to last year. A lot of people find it hard. Some comments indicate that too many people are brought in, some with a practical and some with a theoretical approach, and this frustrates the students, and makes unsecure about the expectations. Also, more group work is asked for by the students.

Risk and uncertainty –

Steady and solid B-graded. The block structure is appreciated. The qualitative comments all revolve around the ‘block’ format of the course with individual teachers for different sections. A few comments find the

format problematic, but the clear majority is positive. However, increased coherence between the individual blocks is a focal point.

Elective: Cybersecurity

the course has improved significantly from last semester and has got a very good rating (A). Only minor issues are mentioned in the comments

Thereafter the summery report (Appendix 2b) was accepted by the study board

Summery Course Evaluation Report (Appendix 2c)

The Study board presented the Summary Course Evaluation Report 2023-24. Generally everything looks good, and the program meets the benchmarks set by the faculty. The problems with the one course ("Organization and Risk) that was C-rated has obviously been solved.

3) Course Evaluation - Study Boards Questions for the coming year

The Study Board was asked if the current evaluation questions give sufficient information, or if more/other questions should be implemented.

The board didn't find reasons to change anything or add further questions. This led to evaluation fatigue. Instead, the board encouraged more dialogue-based evaluation during the courses.

4) Curriculum revision for the Goal Description of Master Thesis

The Study Board approved revised Goal Description for the Master Thesis for Security Risk Management. Hereafter the descriptions are aligned with the Goal Description + Goal fulfilment for the Master Thesis at Department of Political Science.

This is an advantage since more SRM students are already having cluster supervision together with political science students. Also, the supervisors + external examiners are used across the two programs.

5) Master Reform

AE first emphasized that this reform is politically driven across the university sector, so it is not possible to change much despite the extremely good employment rates for SRM graduates.

The faculty is discussing which programs will be converted to 1-year programs. Current cohorts are not affected; the first 1-year cohort will start in 2028. SRM, SDS, and GD are the three international programs

considered. BA programs have a legal claim to remain 2-year, so they are in the second round of changes.

1-Year SRM Program:

A template must be submitted to the faculty in mid November, and therefor another Study Board meeting should be scheduled soon.

The new program structure will be 30-30-15 ECTS, with basic units of 7.5 ECTS. The Master Thesis will be reduced from 30 ECTS to 15 ECTS, with a focus on real-world practice, written in July and August.

The academic internship will be being removed, since there will no longer be space for

Overall, the discussion in the Study Board circled around identifying essential elements of SRM and what could potentially be sacrificed or have alternative approaches.

How does SRM maintain the flexibility for students to shape their individual studies, what is the Ideal balance between compulsory and elective courses? There is a concern that too few SRM electives will be allowed in the new Master program.

Could block Structure be an advantage, that would give 2 lectures per week and midterm assessments.

A more concrete Model (Cartogram) will be discussed at the next meeting

6) Program Report

The study Board got an orientation from AE about the annual Program Report, which has recently been approved by the Associate Dean for Education.

SRM comes out very well with an employment rate of Zero, which is the best rate for all the SAMF programs.

The number of admitted students has drawn special interest in the report. It is very difficult to predict how many of the admitted students that are turning up at study start. Last year 76 students started at SRM, and also this year there was an overshot, as 60 people turned up at the study start.

There was a short elaboration on the balance between theory & method and communication & practical skills. The graduates say they have liked more of the latter, where the employees say the exact opposite.

7) Hearing Study Environment Survey 2023: The Faculty's action plan

Based on the study environment survey conducted in 2021, four focus areas have been identified as being of relevance to the work on the action plan of the Faculty of Social Sciences:

1. Feedback
2. Well-being and a balanced student life
3. Inclusive and diverse student communities
4. Students with special needs

The results of SMU23 largely reflect the same trends as SMU21, and the focus areas for the upcoming action plan are very much in line with the focus areas from SMU21.

The Study Board called the Action Plan for “decent” and had nothing else to add, nothing more to add. It was mentioned though that SRM does not experience many students with disabilities (or have knowledge of).

8) Study Start

AE mentioned that his impression was, that it went well. It was the third time that the current concept was used

9) Briefing from the Head of Studies

Nothing

10) Briefing from the Student Services

Nothing

11) Briefing from the Student Representatives

The student representatives asked if there could be financial support for the job fair as was the case last time. AE said that the SRM Study Board does not have its own budget, so it is necessary to check with Lars Tønder (HOS at Political Science).

It was also recommended to seek financial support from private companies or DJØF.

The students asked if there will soon be a Master Thesis on-line pop up meeting. AE will get in touch with the Students Services to have it arranged.

12) AOB

The next meeting will take place 7. November 2024, 10-12.