

To members of the Study Board of Security Risk Management and attendants  
to the Study Board meetings



## MINUTES OF MEETING

2. DECEMBER 2023

**Forum** Study Board for Security Risk Management

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

**Meeting date** 24 November 2023, 10.00-12.00

SECTION FOR COORDINATION AND  
PLANNING

**Place** 5.1.49 (Torshavn)

ØSTER FARIMAGSGADE 5, BUILDING  
12, 1ST FLOOR, ROOM 12.1.06

### Attendees:

Anders Esmark (Head of studies), Kevin John Heller VIP Representative, Ditte Marie Arbjerg (Student counsellor), Troels Claus Baagland (Programme Coordinator), Kira Milkah Poulsen (Student representative) & Sarah J Goetz (Student representative)

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### 1) Approval of Minutes and agenda

Minutes from the Study Board Meeting 6. October, and so was the agenda for the meeting 24. November

### 2) Status for the Study Board?

Since, there hasn't been any candidates for the University election, Anders asked, if any of the Student Representatives would be able to continue in the Study Board. It was agreed that the students so send names by e-mail to Troels at [tcb@samf.ku.dk](mailto:tcb@samf.ku.dk). Troels will then proceed to the Election Secretariat to have a Rector appointment. Hopefully, we can have at least two 1-year students as new student representatives or alternates.

### 3) Overview of Exemption Cases

The board got an overview of the exemption cases dealt with in the Study Administration. Only one application was rejected, the rest were accepted.

#### 4) Course Catalogue

Anders gave an orientation about the Course Catalogue for the Spring Semester 2023. The following Course descriptions were dealt with.

- *Risk regulation* - Anders will teach the course again, and introduce minor changes compared to last time the course was offered.
- *Risk and Uncertainty in a Connected World* – Since Ben Rosamond is no longer present at the Department, it has been necessary to introduce a team of teachers. The team consist of: Ole Wæver, Neil Christopher Renic, Dean Cooper-Cunningham, Maja Zehfuss and Christien Bueger. Overall, the content of the course is the same as last year.
- *Politics and Cyber Security* – Anders is still working on the course, and it might be necessary to bring in more teachers (from CMS). The content will be the be same as last year.
- *Intelligence* – maybe the course will be cancelled. This would be a great pity since the course is very popular among the students.  
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The course catalogue was approved by the Study Board.

Anders proclaimed that the Study Board should look the Course Catalogue again in at the February meeting – next round of electives. Inputs from students are always very welcome.

#### 5) Master Thesis Writing 2024

The Study Board evaluated on the Master Thesis Kick off meeting. Generally, the students gave the meeting positive feedback. It was considered if maybe it would better to have the meeting in mid-October. It was also considered if the meeting could be on-line only, since most of the participants followed the meeting on-line. Then it was discussed when on the day, the meeting so take place it was suggested to have in around lunch-time – which is possible since the meeting is taking around 40 minutes.

Anders oriented about the process with establishment of clusters. He said that the clusters for SRM was planned together with the political Science students. For most SRM students this means that they are organised in clusters with fellow SRM-students, but there might be a few students that are placed in clusters with political science students. This is the case, where the topics are both SRM and political science related. In principle the SRM students can apply for all supervisors at Department of Political Science. Annemette and Ditte make sure the updated supervisor list is soon available at the Study Pages.

## **6) Celebration of Excellent teaching**

The Study Board decided that Anders should talk to Head of Studies for Political Science, Lars Tønder, to make sure, that teachers from SRM is included in the nomination process at Political science.

## **7) Master Programme Reform**

Anders gave a orientation about the governmental initiated Master reform. Not much is currently known, but the majority of the programmes at Social Science programmes will be reduced to either 60 ECTS Master programmes and/or 60 + 15 ECTS (15 during summer break) and it is unlikely that SRM is not affected.

Anders emphasized that the students currently admitted in the programme will continue the original programme, and without changes.

The Head of Studies are following the development and negotiations very closely, but still, we are in a waiting position.

## **8) Info from HOS/ HOB**

Anders mentioned head of studies have discussed bad student behaviour in relation to the on-going Palestine-Israeli conflict, which has generated discussions and comments that are unpleasant for some students. He strongly underlined that such thing shouldn't take place at the university.

It wasn't Anders experience that such things take place at SRM, but he encouraged the students to inform him about it. We have people working with such issues at the faculty.

Troels oriented about the Administration Reform. The goal is to save DKK 300 million from fixed administrative expenses to reinvest in the University. This means that the Study administration will become further centralized and localised in 3-4 Administration Centres. Troels is enrolled in a design group working on a new design for the Study Administration. The work will run until the end of March 2024.

## **9) Info from Study Advisory/**

Ditte mentioned that she is leaving her position in mid-January, until then she will only be available 2-3 weeks. Therefor a meeting with her, should be planned very soon.

Annmette Have Worbech will take over as new head of the Study Advisory for Søren Hedegaard, who will also leave in January. Finally, Ida Emilie Christiansen will also leave.

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Until otherwise is decided, Kristine Hemme will take over as Contact person in the Study Advisory for SRM.

#### **10) Info from the students**

Kira and Sarah mentioned that they experienced an increasing level of stress among the SRM students competing for the same internships. There is a worry that there are not enough internships available. This is also a result of the record high intake of SRM students this year.

The Study Board acknowledge that this could be very stressful for the students and encourage the students to keep things friendly. The Board will follow the situation, which is expected to improve next year, when the intake is back to normal. Also, it might be good to have a talk with the companies to hear if a full-time internship could be shared in two half-time internships.

#### **11) AOB**

The next Study Board meeting will take place 19. February.