

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



MINUTES OF MEETING

6 OKTOBER 2023

Forum Study Board for Security Risk Management

Meeting date 6 October 2023, 15.00-17.00

Place 5.1.49 (Torshavn)

Attendees:

Kira Milkah Poulsen (KMP), Anders Esmark (AE), Kevin John Heller (KJH),
Ida Emilie Christensen (IEC, Student counsellor), Jens Roesdahl Lange (JRL,
Academic Officer, item 2), and Troels Claus Baagland (TCB, Programme
Coordinator), Tine Klovborg Schou (TKS, Rectorate), Kristian Lauta (KL,
Rectorate)

Minute-taker:

Troels Claus Baagland

1) Guiding Principles for Education/Prorector Kristian Lauta

KL informed about the Guiding Principles for Education at UCPH.

First, he stated that UCPH is a unique university, with world class research,
but on the opposite, the university is not befitting the outside World enough
– in other words, there is an, to a large degree, unexploited potential for the
outside world and UCPH.

He also mentioned the high number of reforms which had hit the University
during the last 20 years, and this has to some degree been seen as a hindrance
for establishing a long-term vision.

He furthermore said that UCPH had benefitted from “the good name” and its
location in the centre of CPH, which means that it has not been necessary with

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a proactive recruitment strategy. But, with a declining younger generation, this advantage might not last forever.

KL therefore see a strong need for a long-term vision with a focus on key values and a triangle between research, society and students should be established, and with a focus on high requirements and expectations, as well as a commitment to dialogue with the surrounding society.

KJH asked how UCPH could play into the Coming Master Reform, with 1-year Master Programs. KL think that UCPH should focus how to become a life-long partner for the outside community, by highlighting the importance of the feeling of belonging to UCPH, also after graduation.

He also said that we should bear in mind, that the introduction of the 1-years MA-programs is 5 years ahead (2028) which gives good time for the study boards to plan and establish a good framework for the revised programs.

The study board asked KL if there was a danger of reducing UCPH to an “educational school” only, because of the University Reforms and the eagerness to establish more links to the outside world.

KL acknowledged the risk, but he maintained that he was convinced that there is a third way to benefit the outside community and without becoming commercialized. KL also encouraged the study board to take on the important responsibility to develop the programs, and mentioned, that there is an opening for admitting more international students in the latest university reform.

KL then asked the Study Board what he could do for the board.

The Study Board answered that KL should keep up the good work to ensure the best possible framework for the Study Board to develop he programs. Also, it was mentioned, that the amount of centrally generated administrative tasks should be minimalised. Future Education: The text discusses the need for new kinds of education and the importance of mutual commitment between students and the university.

2) Closed item: Exemption case/Jens Roesdahl Lange

One exemption case was dealt with.

3) Approval of Minutes & Agenda

The minutes from the meeting were 28. April was approved and so was the agenda.

4) Course evaluation / Anders

AE had produced an evaluation-report, summing up the main conclusions.

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All courses get good evaluations, and thereby meets the 'B-standard' set by the faculty (in the higher end of the scale).

Considering that both Risk Regulation and Governance and Risk Uncertainty in a connected World are new courses taught for the first time, the results are rather satisfactory.

Risk Uncertainty in a connected World also introduced an entirely new format to SRM with three teachers each teaching a 'block' of the course. The format requires intensive coordination but seems to work.

Risk Regulation Governance introduced a relatively new theme to SRM, which generally seems to have been welcomed – but there is still room for improvement.

AE concluded that there were no red flags, and the Study Board Approved AEs description.

5) Celebration of Excellent Teaching

The Study Board had a short discussion about how to celebrate good teaching. There was a positive attitude to the suggestion, and the item will come on the agenda again, at the next Study Board Meeting.

6) ChatGPT as permitted exam aid? / Anders (16.15-16.25)

The Study Board decided to follow the general UNCH rule's which forbid GTP unless the Course Coordinator decides differently. This is also the same approach Political Science has decided for the coming Exam period.

7) Curriculum Change

There is a difference in the formal requirements for the Master Thesis between Political Science and SRM, where the number of pages are higher at SRM. To eradicate the difference the Study Board decided the following requirements for SRM:

- For one student: 144,000-168,000 keystrokes (60-70 standard pages)
- For two students: 240,000-288,000 keystrokes (110-120 standard pages)
- For three students: 336,000-360,000 keystrokes (140-150 standard pages)

TCB will update the Curriculum in accordance with this, and make sure, that the Study Advisory is also informed.

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8) Info from HOS/

AE mentioned that 79 students had been admitted and it came as a surprise, 75 of them turned up. That is far more than normally seen. The high in-take number posed a challenge because of limited teacher resources and the size of classrooms. But the problem has been solved for now.

9) Info from Study Advisory/

Ida mentioned that the Study Advisory will have the “Study Abroad” meeting 26. October.

10) Info from the student/

Kira asked to the Master Thesis process. About the contract and how to apply for supervisor. Ida and Anders referred to KUnet and Ida also said that there would be a Thesis Kick Off Seminar in November.

Kira said that she together with other students worked on establishing a network with SDS and GD and together with them arrange a career fair.

11) AOB / Anders (16.50-17.00)

Nothing