

Meeting SAT Computer Science 19 June 2020

Minutes approved

Participants:

- Marco Carbone (HoP CS and SDT)
- Therese Graversen (HoP DS)
- Søren Debois (HoP SD and SEN)
- Viktor Shamal Andersen (Student rep., DS)
- Daniele Galati (Student rep., DS)
- Paolo Tell (Guest from faculty)
- Sanne Louise Aaby-Diedrichsen (Academic supervisor)
- Mette Holm Smith (Prog Coor DS)
- Marc Kellaway (Prog Coor SD)
- Allette Bjørn Bundgaard (Prog Coor SWU/CS/SDT)

Not present:

- Dan Witzner Hansen (HoP SWU)
- Cecilie Bech Rønsholt (Student rep., SD)
- Theodor Christian Kier (Student rep., SWU)
- Jesper Bengtson (Guest from faculty)

Agenda:

1. **Approval of agenda:** Agenda approved
2. **Approval of minutes from meeting 29 May 2020:** Minutes approved.
3. **Information:** No updates.
4. **Update from study programs:** / Students. No updates.
5. **Evaluation of Algorithms and Data Structures (ADS) remote examination.** /Søren
Continued from last meeting.

SAT discussed pros et cons of sitting the exam at home or at ITU. Additionally, several alternative forms came up. SAT found it difficult to recommend any form and agreed that for next meeting. Søren makes a table with all options stating the pros and cons of each. Discussion continues at next meeting.

6. **Alignment and workload on 3rd semester courses on SWU and some courses on DS.**
Continued from last meeting. Appendix 6A.

Therese, Dan, Victor, Theodor, Mette, Marc and Allette met on Tuesday 16 June and discussed workload on courses/semesters and wellbeing of students.

Key words from this discussion:

- Students find the present structure of semesters and courses somehow loose and un-aligned, even if coordination between the teachers of a semester's courses already happen, and semester plans exist.

- It is important for students to know beforehand what workload to expect on a course/semester.
- The way students structure their studying: Quite a lot of students seem to use too much time struggling with assignments etc., before turning to TAs, Study Labs and teachers for assistance.
- Some students have the impression that it MUST be hard to study and thus, they do not seek help; some teachers seem to share this impression, and do not invite students to consult them, if they experience problems.

SAT continued the discussion

Recently, Danske Studerendes Fællesråd (DSF) launched “Trivselsudspil” with many interesting points that SAT may find relevant to discuss.

With regard to wellbeing of students, SAT finds that a couple of questions are important to consider:

- How to find and react to students at an early stage, before things turn problematic for them.
- The progression reform: ITU seems to have stricter rules than laid down from the ministry.
- Aligning workload and students’ jobs - Studying is considered a full time occupation.
- Important that ECTS and workload on courses match.

Focus are already on wellbeing of students, and ITU received funds to work with this issue. Work is in the starting face.

7. Study Program Report 2020 for SWU: / Allette, Hearing. Appendix 7A.

Postponed from last meeting.

Paolo will provide feedback next week.

Nothing received

8. Study Program Report 2020 for CS: / Marco, Hearing. Appendix 8A.

No comments.

9. Re-exams and complaints:

When students complain about an exam, the re-exam take place before the decision of the complaint is due. If students pass the re-exam and do not want to proceed with the complaint, dealing with the complaint in the meantime has been in vain.

Marc explains: In practice this situation happens only a few times per year. The timeline and process for complaining is fixed in national regulations and the re-exams cannot await the complaint process.

SAT closed the point, as there is nothing to do about it and the problem does not seem to be large.

10. Dates for SAT CS meetings in autumn 2020:

SAT agreed on Fridays at 12.30 – 14.00.

The first meeting will be early in September.

11. AOB:

Nothing to report.