

# SATBUSS Minutes

**Date:** 21 November 2025

## Approval of Agenda

- Agenda approved.

## News from the Board of Studies

- **Student comment:** At the last Board of Studies meeting, there was discussion about the role of the board. The terminology and internal focus can be difficult to follow, and it takes time to understand the meaning.
- **Vasilis:** There is not enough time to hear the students' perspectives. The purpose of the meetings is unclear, and it is difficult to see the point.
- **Student:** Although students are encouraged to attend, they are not given real opportunities to contribute. One student came prepared with points from their SAT, but there was no time to discuss them. Instead, the minutes stated that SAT discussions should not be included in the Board of Studies minutes.

## News from the Programmes

### GBI

- Upcoming **GBI + DIM Employers Panel** next week, focusing on electives. Hanne has coordinated with Louise (Co-Head of DIM).
- Focus on co-taught courses across GBI and DIM.
- **Cybersecurity summer school:** very popular; possibility of offering it also in autumn.
- **Health IT elective:** previously proposed by the Employers Panel in January.
- **Student comment:** Interest in an elective on product management with a sustainability focus.
- **Hanne:** The same teacher will contribute to Sustainable IT on GBI, and possibly DIM IT and Green Transition. Teacher also works on waste management.
- Manning for 2026 is being planned by GBI HoP and Co-HoP.
- New admission numbers across ITU due to university reform are challenging for DIM.
- Staffing: A few new hires, but many gaps remain. Focus on more permanent staff and fewer PTLs. PTLs are valued but should not carry too high a percentage of teaching load.
- Change in HoP: **Sisse Finken** will become Head of Programme from January 2026.
- **Student observer comment:** On 3rd semester, with two group-work courses, students spend much time outside the classroom. Project-based learning is working well, especially with data collection.
- Student notes low interest in joining SATBUSS and a very low response rate to the national student survey.
- **Hanne:** Teachers will be asked to encourage students to complete the survey.

- **Student:** Some confusion about how to sign up for SATBUSS. Needs clearer communication.
- Programme Coordinator Louise will follow up with the person responsible.

## DIM

- **Vasilis:** Programme review took place on Monday. Positive process; panel confirmed that DIM is a strong programme and should be supported. The panel worried about reliance on PTLs.
- The panel recommended at least **3 new hires** for DIM.
- DIM is currently vulnerable due to cuts from the candidate reform. Although more students were expected due to drop-out rates, actual drop-out is low, leaving student numbers unchanged.
- Manning for autumn 2026 is being planned.
- Faculty workshop with DIM teachers scheduled next week. No radical changes expected; focus on relevance within ITU.
- Supervision allocation has been distributed. Only minor objections, all resolved.
- **Student:** I heard a student who talked about that the group did not receive any of their three supervision preferences, which felt like wasted effort.
- **Hanne:** Process is difficult as many students request the same supervisors.
- Overall, DIM students are satisfied.

## ILM

- Louise Harder will be the new ILM Head of Programme for 2026, due to Lars Rune going on sabbatical.

## Any Other Business (AOB)

- **Student comment:** Room layout for exercise classes; round tables worked much better. Request for more rooms with this layout.
- **Hanne:** Round tables are not suitable for lectures, but long rows are not pedagogical for exercise classes. Will raise the issue with Head of Education and Learning Support.
- **Student:** Lack of group work rooms is a problem. With heavy emphasis on group work, facilities should support this.