

Meeting SAT Computer Science 13 December 2023

Present:

- Dan Witzner Hansen (HoSP BSWU)
- Therese Graversen (HoSP BDS)
- Luca Maria Aiello (HoSP KDS)
- Louise Meier Carlsen (Co-HoSP BSWU)

- Marius Thomsen (Student rep., BSWU)
- Cristina Avram (Student rep, BDS)
- Malthe Rødsgaard Pabst Lauridsen (Student rep, KDS)

- Paolo Tell (Guest, faculty)
- Marc Kellaway (Prog Coor KSD) (Minutes)

1. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved. The point regarding the placement of the Research Project intro for the KSD, KCS and KDS programmes has been moved to the next meeting.

2. Approval of minutes from meeting 1 November 2023:

No comments to the minutes received within the 10 working days period. Minutes approved.

3. Welcome new SAT members

Malthe Rødsgaard Pabst Lauridsen (KDS), Lena Winther (KSD), Theodor Kristian Kier (KCS) and Cristina Avram (BDS) has been elected as student representatives in SAT CS for 2024. There is still one student seat free. Louise and Dan will look into finding a representative from SWU, so SAT can have all programmes represented.

4. Timeslot for meetings in the spring semester

It was decided to keep the timeslot Wednesdays 14:00 – 15:30 for the meetings in the spring semester 2024. SAT also agreed to hold 2 meetings in February as previously discussed, in order to give enough room to talk about the autumn course evaluations. The first meeting will be in week 5. Marc will check that the timeslots also work for the members absent, and proceed to book the meetings soon.

5. Change of Curriculum for KCS - new specialisation structure – comments for the Board of Studies

The following comment has been passed on to the Board of Studies regarding the suggested new specialisation structure:

“In general SAT CS was positive and found the suggestion to make lot of sense in giving more flexibility to the students while maintaining a strong guidance. There were questions regarding the electives listed, and whether the programme plans to make new courses. The importance of still making it easy to study abroad for a semester was also mentioned.”

6. Information from SAT Members

Marius: SWU has been wrapping up the courses. Mostly things went well, but the last week had 3 submissions for exercises within the same week.

Louise: We are aware that the mandatory activities on the 3rd semester could have been distributed more evenly.

Marius: In general, Distributed Systems had far too many hands-in and also issues with the trial exams. Azure does not work well for BDSA. I also think we had a bit too much live coding with too little information beforehand.

Louise: This is the kind of feedback that should go to the CM.

Paolo: I used to teach BDSA and have a fairly good overview of the course. The slides always should be uploaded on LearnIT, so this seems strange. That said, the lectures are intended to be taken in class, and it is up to the individual teachers how to handle things for students not onsite.

Marius: That is not how it works anymore. Currently it automatically releases on the day of the lecture – usually an hour before a lecture. But not the code.

Therese: What I hear you say is that it is worth coming to the lectures – which I think is important! But it should of course be possible to catch up at home if you cannot make it.

Marc: I suggest – in line with how we previously have discussed we want to work in SAT – that we do not go deeper into the details of one specific course here, but make a note of it to see if it shows up, when we look into the evaluations.

Cristina: I have not heard many complaints from the BDS students.

Therese: How is it going with the probability course?

Cristina: There have been a lot of questions, but the TAs are good at clearing things up, and make sure nothing is left hanging. The new 1st year students work very hard.

Louise: Perhaps we are seeing changes again after the a few years marked by the Covid experience.

7. AOB

Nothing for this point.