

Meeting SAT CS 04-02-2026

If no comments to the minutes received within the 10 working days period. Minutes are approved.

Present:

- Dan Witzner Hansen (HoP BSWU)
- Jesper Bengtson (Co-HoP SD)
- Louise Meier Carlsen (Co-HoP BSWU)
- Luca Maria Aiello (HoP KDS)
- Martin Aumüller (HoP KSD)
- Marco Carbone (HoP KCS)
- Therese Graversen (HoP BDS)
- Gabija Makutenaite (Student rep. BDS)
- Viktor Horváth (Student rep. KCS)
- Allette Bjørn Bundgaard (ProCoor SWU/CS)
- Marc Kellaway (ProCoor SD)
- Mette Holm Smith (ProCoor BDS/KDS, Secretary SAT CS)

Absent:

- Peter Raasthøj (Student rep. BSWU)
- Michele Coscia (Co-HoP KDS)

Minutes:

Welcome to 2026 SAT meetings and especially welcome to new members representing students from BDS, BSWU and KCS.

1. Approval of agenda

Approved

2. Approval of minutes from meeting 2 December 2025

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3. Information from SAT Members (15 minutes)

Nothing to report

4. K-SD program review report (Martin) (10 minutes)

KSD has been undergoing an external review with a panel representing academia and industry. They have met with students, graduates, teachers and educational management and based on these meetings and other documentation they have written a report with recommendations which Martin presented to SAT.

Overall, the panel was very pleased with the programme but Martin's presentation is within input to what could be improved.

Martin highlighted the following in the report:

“Students self-report high-workloads and stress related issues, and there are some issues with achieving (timely) completion rate. The study programme is very popular, and generally successful, with a high number of applicants and good career prospects following graduation.”

Furthermore, that the programme is challenging especial for the students with a non-STEM background who until embarking KSD have never been taught how to “think” STEM and engage with the material.

The panel has asked to see exams and thesis dissertations as part of the documentation. And a thesis repository for internal use would be helpful.

The request for exams and thesis dissertations has been communicated to the HoE and SAP. SAT CS totally agrees on the strong wish for a repository. It was made as a promise years ago but still awaits feasible system support.

The panel also suggests reducing the number of mandatory activities across courses as it seems to be part of the stress-related workload

Martin agrees and will look at the use of mandatory activities with teachers across courses.

The panel also suggests downplaying the importance of the research elements of the research project and the thesis together with less elective study activities to better make space for a focus on the basics which are taught decoupled from other CS programmes to better cater for the conversion master’s degree.

Martin do not agree – it is a MSc programme and the students put their bachelor domain background in play when they get to the second year and are able to write a research-based thesis. Maybe consider renaming Research Project to lower expectations as it is preparation for the thesis. And the idea of decoupling other CS programmes is also not a good idea, it helps KSD students experience BSWU students. Louise commented that it is not always good to mix students, for example different programming languages (Python/JAVA) in the algorithms course.

SAT CS then started a general discussion about mandatory assignments which SAT CS has discussed before. It was decided that it could be a separate discussion for later. Martin will start the discussion with the KSD teachers.

5. SAT meeting structure 2026 (All)(30 minutes)

Including:

- K-SD as separate SAT

Background Martin:

There has been an ongoing discussion about SAT CS structure.

As HoP for KSD Martin missed discussing programme related issues with students and teachers. And when no KSD representative was elected for the second time Martin would try to gather a group of KSD students to get input about the programme. Jesper added that it makes more sense to have meetings with students and teachers as SAT CS is a non-deciding board.

Communication/formalities

It was also clear for SAT CS members that the formalities have not been clearly communicated from HoE. Whether it was a discussion, an experiment, formal/unformal, SAT SD /group.

Structure:

There are many items where we need to sit together across programmes.

Luca – should we keep SAT CS with less meetings with across programme items?

Therese: I would think that having a small body is siloing and it will not make sense.

Martin: Having only individual SATs doesn't make sense.

Louise: CS HoPs used to have shared meetings. A lot of the fora from the old organization are missing from the new organisation. Not only on HoP level also on faculty level – no information is regularly shared about the study programmes to faculty as a group.

SAT had good discussions last year with topics that were relevant across programmes. For students input Louise has used her TAs as background group.

Marco: SAT CS is an official body – and until other is decided it is a need to have. If it is to be changed there should be a formal and open process with management.

And Marco always have had a private meeting board – a group of students to provide input.

Marc: It is also a democratic issue. Students are elected for the SAT boards and therefore formally represent the students. I'm not against having non-elected groups of students but it is not a formal group then – only individual non-elected students providing feedback.

The remains of SAT CS – what should happen then?

Student recruitment:

Viktor: In general students should be informed and invited to run and join SAT earlier in the beginning of the semester.

Gabi: Many of my peers were interested in running but were afraid that it would take up too much time. More information and communication about SAT and expected involvement would be good.

Ref (Mette): We should figure out where and when to share information about SAT and election with the students. The written information available on itustudent could maybe also be improved? <https://itustudent.itu.dk/Campus-Life/ITU-Boards>

Decision: SAT will continue the discussion at the next meeting.

- New chair for SAT CS in 2026. Luca is stepping down as unformal chair. A new chair must be found at the first meeting.
Therese offered to chair the SAT CS meetings in spring.
- MSc CS HoP Marco is the HoP representative in Board of Studies (BoS) in spring 2026.
- Student representative in BoS
The students will find out between them and inform Christian (secretary to BoS) Mette will write to Gabi, Viktor and Peter after the meeting.

6. AOB:

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