

Board of Studies (BoS) – 11. meeting 2024

13 December 2024

Present: **Hanna Wirman** (faculty, SAT Games), **Laurens Boer** (faculty, SAT DD), **Michele Coscia** (faculty, SAT CS), **Louise Harder Fischer** (faculty, SAT Business), **Magnus Borum Green** (student, SAT DD) **Ea Feldfos** (SAP), **Christian Balslev van Randwijk** (secretary to BoS, SAP)

Guests: **Paolo** (CS), **Mette** (SAP), **Viktorija Hofbauer** (SAP) (SAT), mads

Absent: **Emil Ulrik Gregersen** (student, SAT BIT), **Lena Winther Jensen** (student, SAT CS), **Tiago Fernandes** (student, SAT Games), **Alexander Senderovitz** (directly elected student)

Agenda

1. Approval of agenda

2. Presentation: Two new Industrial Masters' Programmes

Appendix 1: Two New Industrial Masters Programmes - Background

Appendix 2: EKA Advanced Software Engineering

Appendix 3: EKA Business Analytics and AI

3. Status on Project Evaluations

4. Status on Study Environment Action Plan

During November of 2024, Education and Quality (previously Dean of Education Support) received status updates from the stakeholders. Based on this input, Education and Quality added status updates to the Action Plan which will be presented and discussed at the meeting.

Appendix 4 - Study Environment Assessment Action Plan 2024-2028 - Dec 24

Appendix 5 - Overview of status from stakeholders dec. 2024

Appendix 6 - Study Environment Assessment Action Plan 2024-2028 Backlog

5. Orientation: National Teaching Award 2025 (Closed Item)

6. AOB (Any Other Business)

Minutes

Ad 1

The agenda was approved.

Ad 2

Paolo introduced the Industrial MSc in Advanced Software Engineering.

It is not known when the prequalification process can begin, maybe Autumn 2025.

Laurens asked in which other places it is implemented? Is there a market need? Paolo answered that this type of programme has worked extremely well in certain sectors, such as in the field of accountants. Mette added that there are programmes at other universities, such as a programme within biochemistry in Kalundborg.

Paolo stated that it is not yet known if it will be possible to have periods with only study commitments, followed by periods solely dedicated to working at the company. Ea commented that from the professional masters we can see that it works well with what is resembling a “block structure” with shorter, more intense or condensed study activities. Louise added that at ILM, students are working full-time, so teaching is taking place on Fridays and Saturdays, which may not work with this programme. Also, it is not a Master of Science, so it is a different level.

Louise stated that the new programme looks really good, and somewhat different from the new programme suggested at BIT, but things still seem very unclear from the government. A lot of things are still up in the air.

Paolo told BoS that employers were immediately looking at upskilling their existing personnel. At least one company would like to bring in people from outside Denmark and have them work here and enroll in a programme like this. This could lead to a student body composed of extremely diverse profiles.

Laurens found it a clear and flexible model. He also asked about the elective structure. It seems very flexible, but he asked if they would have a category that speaks towards a design approach, seeing as they have one that also leans towards a business approach? Paolo answered that students for this programme would need to come with a strong basic understanding of software engineering, and maybe it is not clear what sort of profile a category leaning towards design would give students that they wouldn't get in other programmes.

Hanna asked if they have space in the courses. Paolo answered that space is not a constraint.

Ad 3

Christian will look into the issues currently plaguing evaluations at ITU.

Ad 4

Viktorija presented an update on the action plan.

Louise asked if the follow up was only qualitative or also quantitative? Viktoria answered that for the action plan it is only qualitative, but there will be a new student survey in Autumn 2025.

Laurens asked about focus area 6.2, design space. He asked who is taking charge of this and when? Viktoria answered that we need to wait for the new University Management before actual discussions and decisions are made. Laurens added that this has been discussed since 2017, so it would be nice if something was actually done, and that he would like to help and be involved.

Louise commented on the cleaning situation that it really is much better now, and that it is nice actually meeting the individuals doing the cleaning.

Viktoria asked Magnus if students are experiencing better cleaning at the toilets? He answered that, yes, it is definitely better now, with some room for improvement still.

Magnus also commented on the harassment part (focus area 4), that it sounds good, but asked if it is really the tutors who should be doing it? It is good hearing about these things from your peers, but it is such an important topic, so maybe it should be someone professional who handled it. Louise added that that is a very good idea.

Laurens stated that he is very happy with the initiative regarding special needs. Good workshops and so on. Especially since the number of students with special needs seem to be increasing dramatically.

The action plan will be revisited in June 2025.

Ad 5

Closed Item.

Ad 6

No other business.