

Board of Studies (BoS) – 3. meeting 2024

5 April 2024

Present: **Hanna Wirman** (faculty, SAT Games), **Irina Papazu** (faculty, SAT Business), **Signe Louise Yndigegn** (faculty, SAT DD), **Patrick Bahr** (faculty, SAT CS), **Ea Feldfos** (assigned guest, SAP), **Christian Balslev van Randwijk** (secretary to BoS, SAP), **Tiago Fernandes** (student, SAT Games), **Magnus Borum Green** (student, SAT DD), **Alexander Senderovitz** (directly elected student)

Guests: **Louise Lundsgaard Nielsen** (SAP), **Lise Lawaetz Winkler** (SAP), **Viktoria Hofbauer** (SAP)

Absent: **Lena Winther Jensen** (student, SAT CS), **Emil Ulrik Gregersen** (student, SAT BIT)

Agenda

1. Approval of agenda

2. Status from Exemption Committee

Louise (guest from SAP) will give a status on the Exemption Committee.

App 1: Status Exemption Committee April 2024

3. Danish Student Survey

Lise and Viktoria from Dean of Education Support will elaborate further upon the upcoming workshop and process for the Study Environment Action Plan. Please study the report that you should all have received, as well as the 4-pager.

App 2: Fourpager about Danish Student Survey data

4. Decision: Recommendation to discontinue The Registration Requirement

Following the change in the registration requirement from 30 to 22,5 ECTS, SAP recommends a simplification of ITU's rules framework by discontinuing the registration requirement of 22,5 ECTS.

App 3: Recommendation to Discontinue the Registration Requirement

5. AOB (Any Other Business)

Minutes

Ad 1

The agenda was approved.

Ad 2

Louise presented herself and function in SAP.

Louise presented the work she is doing with applications for exemptions.

There have been no meetings in a committee this autumn since there isn't a committee at the moment. Instead, they have followed previously established best practices.

Louise then presented an overview of the applications.

We continue to see a decline in applications for exemptions, probably due to the change in registration requirements.

Louise then presented an overview of applications, sorted by department.

Magnus asked if it isn't a good thing that the number of applications has declined? Louise and Ea answered that, yes, it is.

Patrick asked if it is something new that CS seems very overrepresented. Louise and Ea answered that this is not a new state of affairs. Even though CS is larger than the other departments, the overrepresentation does not seem proportional.

Ad 3

Lise and Viktoria presented the upcoming Student Environment Workshop.

They presented purpose and expected output from the workshop. The overall purpose is to discuss themes important for the study and learning environment from different perspectives. This will help ITU prioritize which issues to focus on in the study environment work and discussions. Also, it will provide tangible input to ITU's Study Environment Action Plan. The overall goal and purpose is to create and sustain a thriving learning environment at ITU.

The program for the workshop was presented.

The themes of the workshop were presented.

Lise asked if people were happy with the themes, or if something was missing.

Ea asked if the "digital environment" is a topic in some form? Lise said that it is a good point, but it isn't since it is not a part of the Danish Student Survey, and we have to prioritize subjects for the Study Environment Action Plan. Also, it will be possible to bring up other subjects, such as digital platforms, at the workshop.

Alexander added that the themes certainly were important, and the workshop is a good idea, but that it could also be a good idea to have a sort of open table. He then asked if everyone attending will get the results of the survey? Lise answered that, yes, everyone invited has received the report.

Hanna mentioned, concerning the Physical Environment, that in discussions about these things different parties can sometimes become somewhat defensive, and if this would be handled somehow.

Lise answered that she had had a meeting with FM to align expectations and let them prepare for the meeting.

Lise then presented what will happen after the workshop.

Ea added that it is probably a good idea to focus on a few select topics, which has the added benefit of making it easier for students to experience changes.

There were no further questions or comments.

Ad 4

Ea presented the background for the recommendation to discontinue the Registration Requirement of 22.5 ECTS.

She mentioned that it is mostly a remnant of the University Progress Reform. During that time, ITU had a very long average study time for students, so executive management implemented quite strict registration requirements. Currently, ITU is one of the last universities to have registration requirements in this way.

At this time the study landscape has changed, and this registration requirement does not seem necessary anymore. Also, the administrative overhead would be reduced considerably with the proposed model.

Magnus asked if this means you could go through the bachelor without 30 ECTS in a semester. Ea answered that, no, that is not possible since there is still the 45 ECTS ministerial requirement for first year students.

Signe asked if, right now, you still need 30 ECTS in the first semester. Ea stated that yes, students are still registered for 30 ECTS for the first semester, on both BSc and MSc.

Alexander stated that it seems like the proposal creates more flexibility for students. He then asked if the upcoming university reform will have an effect? Ea answered that, right now, it is not possible to give a clear answer to that, since much is still up for discussion about the reform.

The proposal was put to a vote.

The proposal was approved unanimously.

Ad 5

There was no further business.