

Board of Studies (BoS) – 23 September 2020

Present: Stine Gotved (faculty, chair), Jörn Christiansson (faculty, SAT DD), Paolo Burelli (faculty, SAT Games), Søren Debois (faculty, SAT CS), Jonathan Jung Johansen (student, SAT Games), Sophia Aumüller Wagner (student), Jens Hovgaard Jørgensen (student, SAT DD), Dorthe Stadsgaard (secretary, SAP), Lene Rehder (SAP)

Absent: Baki Cakici (faculty, SAT Bus), Norkka Mirella Medina Nino de Guzmán (student, SAT Business), Mikala Sofie Skoglund Thomsen (student, SAT Business), Eva Hauch Fenger (student, SAT DD), Theodor Christian Kier (student, SAT CS), Annelise Agertoft (LS), Head of Studies (as ITU currently has no Head of Studies)

Assigned guests: Lene Rehder (SAP), Annelise Agertoft (LS)

Minutes

1. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of minutes from meeting 26 August 2020

The minutes were approved.

3. Results from Course and Supervision Evaluations Spring semester and Summer University 2020

Dorthe: SAT DD, SAT BUSS and SAT Games have discussed the evaluation results. They found no issues they need to refer to BoS. SAT CS will discuss the results shortly and get back to BoS as needed.

Head of Studies (by Lene R.): The Head of Studies Support and I have looked at trends across study programmes. As this is the second time the revised system is running, we have looked at this semester compared to the Autumn semester 2019. On MSc programmes it seems all courses score higher than in the Autumn, while the situation is the reverse on BSc programmes. When it comes to the 10 courses with the lowest score, Corona-related issues are mentioned but do not seem to be the main reason for the low score. Concerning Supervision Evaluations, Corona-related issues seem to have been more of an issue for supervisors than for students – supervisors finding online supervision problematic to a higher degree than students.

Stine: The response rate seems to be a bit better than in the old system.

Jörn: The response rate is better on my programme with the new system. The scores on B-DMD courses are terrible. We had two external teachers who were rather unexperienced, and we let them pretty much run the entire courses. That was a mistake and we will not do that again. It could be a lesson for all programmes across ITU. On one of the courses the students even made their own additional evaluation which we are including in the results and follow-up. On B-DDIT, most of the low values do have a corona-relation. We are acting on all issues.

Paolo: We have discussed the results in SAT Games. There are minor issues which we are handling. Corona has been an issue, but nothing major.

Sophia: Is it possible to distinguish between students who have only evaluated through the new system and students who have also used the old system to see if there might be a systematic difference?

Lene: I could ask the Head of Studies Support to look at it and get back to you.

Jörn: At one point we talked about changing the standard from 4.75 to 4.0. What happened to that?

Dorthe: It was a management decision to keep the standard at 4.75. whether or not the standard should be changed will be part of the evaluation of the new system, which I expect to begin after the third round, meaning spring 2021.

Stine: Let us turn to Supervision Evaluations: It is interesting how students rate the supervision agreement much higher than faculty.

Jonathan: I think that could be related to the agreement helping students elucidate what they want to do in their project.

Stine: The level of helpfulness for the students should make filling in the agreement a higher priority for faculty.

Søren: There are some differences between programmes at the Department of Computer Science. You could speculate that students on K-SD and B-SWU enter the programme with a stronger idea of what they want to do compared to B-DS and K-CS. But I do not know what causes the differences.

After the meeting, Lene R. checked for systematic differences in response rates on courses with 'new' and 'old' students respectively (see Sophias question above). No such differences could be identified.

Decision: *BoS do not find reason for action – issues are handled at SAT or programme or teacher level.*

4. Delegation (to programme-specific committees): Credit transfer applications

Jonathan: How much decision-power does BoS have? We discussed that at our last meeting.

Paolo: That was related to exemptions, not credit transfer. What about CrossDIT and credit transfer to replace this course? Who decides that?

Stine: That is the only course not owned by a study programme. It is owned by Head of Studies and therefore it is the Head of Studies who decides on credit transfer applications.

Søren: Could we change that, so it is the Head of Study Programme who decides for CrossDIT as well? Heads of Study Programme is the one who knows if the student will still fulfil the intended learning outcomes for the programme.

Lene: I would like to postpone that discussion to when the new Dean of Education is in place. FYI, The Head of Studies Support is following the course very closely this semester.

Stine: So we should wait until after next Course Evaluation?

Sophia: When will the new Dean of Education start?

Lene: Deadline for applying is in October. If all goes smoothly, the Dean could be able to start in December. Time will tell.

Stine: It is an open call, not internal at ITU.

Paolo: I do not think we can wait for the Dean to start before doing something about CrossDIT.

Stine: It is a good point that we need to discuss CrossDIT (see item 6b).

Decision: *Delegation is renewed.*

5. Update from BoS' exemption committee

Stine: We have not had any applications to treat for a long time.

Lene: It might be something to do with Corona. SAP has been very accommodating this spring and summer when students have applied for an exemption, postponement etc.

6. AOB

a. BoS moves from owncloud to Teams and sharepoint in October

Dorthe: At our next meeting (8 October) you will be introduced to the changes by John-Arne from SAP. Before the meeting, you will be made members of a BoS Team in Teams. After the October meeting and before the meeting 4 November, Dorthe will move all BoS folders and documents from owncloud to sharepoint. You can access the documents from Teams when you have synchronized Teams/sharepoint to your computer (find a written guide in the owncloud folder for the 8 October meeting).

Stine: Are we sure it will work well on Mac computers as well?

Dorthe: I will ask John-Arne to include this in the introduction.

b. CrossDIT

Stine: We need to find out when and how to discuss CrossDIT.

Lene: Most Heads of Study Programme mention it in their Study Programme Report, so the issue is on its way through the quality assurance system. Heads of Department are aware of it and it will be in the Education Portfolio Report which is discussed with Executive Management in november.

Dorthe: The Education Portfolio Report is on the BoS agenda 4 november. BoS makes a written statement on the report, which is sent to Education Group, Heads of Department and Executive Management.

Stine: We will resume discussions on 4 november.

c. Diversity consultant, is there an update?

Dorthe: To the best of my recollection, we have not heard from Executive Management since we sent the recommendation.

Lene: I do not know if someone will be hired, but I know something about what is going on concerning diversity. There is a campaign coming up on behaviour and Head of Studies Support is following-up on work done by the previous diversity consultant.

Stine: Let us send our recommendation to Executive Management again and ask them to get back to us on the subject.

Decision: *Dorthe re-sends the BoS recommendation to hire a new diversity officer to Executive Management and ask them to give BoS an update.*