

Board of Studies (BoS) – 8 October 2020

Present: Stine Gotved (faculty, chair), Jörn Christiansson (faculty, SAT DD), Paolo Burelli (faculty, SAT Games), Baki Cakici (faculty, SAT Bus), Björn Thór Jónsson (SAT CS, filling in for Søren Debois), Jonathan Jung Johansen (student, SAT Games), Sophia Aumüller Wagner (student), Eva Hauch Fenger (student, SAT DD), Theodor Christian Kier (student, SAT CS), Lene Rehder (SAP), Dorthe Stadsgaard (secretary, SAP)

Absent: Mikala Sofie Skoglund Thomsen (student, SAT Business), Jens Hovgaard Jørgensen (student, SAT DD), Norkka Mirella Medina Nino de Guzmán (student, SAT Business)
Head of Studies (as ITU currently has no Head of Studies), Annelise Agertoft (LS)

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

Minutes

1. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved with the removal of item no 3.

2. Approval of minutes from meeting 26 August 2020

The minutes were approved.

3. BoS moves from owncloud to Teams/sharepoint

The item was pushed to next meeting. Dorthe explained that some practical issues need to be discussed and decided before we are ready to make the move from owncloud. Stine and Dorthe will meet with experts from SAP to decide how we do it and how we make using sharepoint and Teams as easy and simple as possible for BoS members while keeping in line with rules on records management etc.

4. Change of curriculum for B-SWU

Head of Study Programme, Dan Witzner Hansen and Programme Coordinator, Allette Bundgaard joined the meeting for this item.

Dan: On fifth semester, we would like to split a 15 ECTS course (Business Processes and Organisation) in two to get a separate course on security. We need to have a mandatory course on security on SWU. The employers' panel has raised this issue. We have had one concern: The course Business Processes and Organisation is a less technical course. By changing half of it to a course on security we change the balance of the programme. We have solved this by introducing an elective on business.

Allette: We already have the course on security as an elective, but we want to make it mandatory.

Stine: SAT CS has approved the change.

Allette: We wish to implement the change as soon as possible and make it cover not only students admitted in 2021 onward but also students admitted in 2020. We are working on how to ensure the latter students' 'consent' to make a change to the mandatory courses after they have been admitted to the study programme.

Björn: There is a plan for this in the proposal, right?

Allette: The transitional provisions are for students who are on the old curriculum and admitted 2019 and before. We must make sure they can finish their programme even if they get delayed beyond the last time the course Business Processes and Organisation (15 ECTS) runs. We expect only very few students will need this special arrangement.

Decision: *BoS approve the change.*

5. Change of curriculum for B-DDIT

Jörn: Briefly goes through the issue with Danish/English language formulation in the current curriculum.

Stine: Have you talked to Georgia Tech about possible consequences for exchange students coming to ITU?

Jörn: No, but we do not expect any consequences.

Baki: It is a bit worrying. You seem to move in the direction of teaching more courses in Danish. On DIM, I am struggling to get English speaking students back into my programme. This seems to work in the opposite direction.

Jörn: It is not about offering less courses in English, it is about not concentrating them on one semester.

Stine: It a question about staffing and communication.

Lene: You can change the course language from year to year, but once you have communicated the course language for the next time the course runs, you must stick to it.

Jörn: Making this change will give us more flexibility in staffing courses. I do not foresee more courses in Danish in the future due to the curriculum change. It is a structural change.

Eva: What is the impact on exchange students? The change makes it possible to become an exchange students on more semesters, is that right? Can exchange students pick courses from more programmes? If not, they could face problems if not all courses on B-DDIT are in English.

Jörn: Exchange students can choose courses from different programmes so the change should not impact them.

Decision: *BoS approve the change.*

6. FYI: Diversity officer

Stine: Executive Management have replied, see the agenda.

Jonathan: I worry that we will get a rigid approach to diversity at ITU. Executive Management mention activities: I would like to know what they are.

Baki: What do we do next? BoS find there is a need for a diversity officer, Executive Management do not seem to agree. Do we put it to the Board of Directors?

Eva: It is not clear what Executive Management wants to do instead of hiring a diversity officer. What do other universities do?

Stine: A year ago we were the only university with a diversity officer.

Eva: What happened to our diversity officer?

Stine: Executive Management made an organizational change. The diversity officer was part of the staff connected to Head of Studies together with Learning Support. When that was changed last year, they moved the diversity officer position from HR.

Eva: Gender diversity is the only relevant diversity topic/aspect. It's a package. And you need more than communication to properly work on diversity issues.

Stine: That is exactly the broad view on diversity we communicated to Executive Management. We got their response. Let us focus on how to proceed.

Baki: Is it a possibility to bring it to the Board of Directors?

Sophia: The Board of Directors meet in November. The agenda is not out yet.

Baki: Could we take the response from Executive Management and put it to the Board of Directors stating that we are not satisfied with it. Can members put items on the agenda?

Sophia: There is a faculty member, me and one more representing the students and one from administration. I could talk to them.

Lene R: Gitte Gramstrup is the secretary to the Board of Directors.

Decision: *Sophia works on how to put the issue to the Board of Directors.*

7. Use of results from course evaluations

(Dorthe's internet connection broke down)

Decision: *Baki og Jörn will go through the Qlik Sense sheets on evaluations and get back to Lene R. (who is the app owner) with their suggestions for changes to the default settings.*

8. AOB

Election to BoS:

Jonathan: I find the communication to students unclear. I need the deadline for when to nominate/ inform that I stand for election, when to vote etc.

Sophia: Can we vote online? That seems an important option to have this year due to COVID-19.

Paolo: Can BoS solve this?

Stine: I am already in contact with Legal concerning the election. I will add this.

Lene R.: Please cc the Head of Legal when you write them.