

Meeting SAT Computer Science 24 January 2020

Minutes Approved

Present:

- Dan Witzner Hansen (HoP SWU)
- Marco Carbone (HoP CS and SDT)
- Søren Debois (HoP SD and SEN)
- Viktor Shamal Andersen (Student rep., DS)
- Daniele Galati (Student rep., DS)
- Paolo Tell (Faculty rep.)
- Mette Holm Smith (Prog Coor DS/SD)
- Allette Bjørn Bundgaard (Prog Coor SWU/CS/SDT)

Absent:

- Cecilie Bech Rønsholt (Student rep., SD)
- Theodor Christian Kier (Student rep., SWU)
- Natalie Elaine Schluter (HoP DS)
- Jesper Bengtson (Faculty rep.)
- Philippe Bonnet (Faculty rep.)
- Sara Gjerløv (Academic supervisor)

Minutes:

1. Welcome to Cecilie Bech Rønsholt, new member of SAT CS: Cecilie is not present.

2. Approval of agenda:

- Dan asks that we take SWU stuff first as he has to leave. SAT approves.
- Paolo asks for two issues under AOB: 1) Winter holiday 2) Supervision Agreement.

Agenda approved.

3. Approval of minutes: Meeting 3 December 2019. No comments received from retired members:

Minutes approved.

4. Information:

Søren: Staffing of courses for Autumn semester 2020 is in progress – a bit delayed.

5. Update from study programs: / Students:

SWU: Theodor is not present but sends some comments:

- Students experience that the workload and the exams on SWU do not match ECTS for the courses. Victor adds the same apply on several courses on DS. SAT decides to postpone this issue until next

meeting when both SWU and DS Students are present. In the meantime, SAT asks Theodor to specify for which courses this apply. Victor and Daniele do the same for DS.

- Exam in Analysis Design and Software Architecture: Students were surprised, as the exam questions did not meet the expectations, students had from the mock exam. The teacher is not surprised. He experienced that students prepared for the expected examination question instead of studying the course syllabus. SAT decides to leave this for now. Instead, students should discuss this with the teacher.

DS: Victor and Daniele:

- This semester a multiple choice exam test had more choices that are right. Students who did not get them all right did not get any score at all for the question. SAT decides that students should discuss with the Head of program.
- DS use many different examination forms. This adds to stress of students.

SD: No students present.

CS: No students present.

6. Replacement of mandatory modules in SD: / Søren.

We have a handful of students who already in their first semester applies for replacement of courses based on courses from their bachelor. When granted a replacement the students have to take other courses on their first semester. The problem is that the students do not have the prerequisites to follow approved electives for SD, as they are mainly 3rd semester courses and 1st semester's CS courses and some Games courses. Which courses could be relevant to take for these students?"

Søren would like the SD student member to be present at the discussion. Point postponed.

7. Evaluation reports for:

- Study Programs, appendices 6A and 6B (comments), survey Dec'18 – Oct'19
- Final reports, appendix 6C, survey May'19 – Oct'19
- Other projects, appendix 6D, survey May'19 – Oct'19

SAT should read the reports and discuss the results. If SAT finds reasons for action, Education Group should be consulted before any solutions are implemented.

SAT discussed the reports:

The response rate is quite low - as usual. However, the results give an indication of issues in need of attention.

Evaluation of Study Programmes (appendix 6A):

Point 5. I have experienced a satisfactory sense of community at my study programme:

Despite of the low answering rate, it seems that SWU lies a little low. SAT decide to discuss this at next meeting.

Evaluation of Final Project Process (appendix 6C):

Point 3. The process of being allocated a supervisor was satisfactory:

It seems that SDT DE Track lies low on this. SDT is now two separate programs and the Thesis Preparation course transformed to Research Project. Thus, it is difficult to see, if this issue needs more attention. SAT decide to focus on the evaluation of Research Project and revisit this issue in a year.

Additional discussion:

Study environment and wellbeing of students: A Study environment assessment is up every third year. The next one is in 2020.

More information, please consult ITUstudent - link below:

<https://itustudent.itu.dk/campus-life/student-life/assesment-of-the-study-environment>

The overall questions are:

- 1) How does ITU figure out if stress is a problem to students?
- 2) How do SAT/Study Board react when discovering a problem?

Mette tries to find data on:

The number of dispensations given to students due to stress etc.

SAT revisit this point when results from next study environment assessment come up.

8. Meeting dates for Spring semester 2020: Please, remember to bring your calendar. Appendix 7A, Meeting in spring semester 2020 should be Fridays 12.30 – 14.00.

9. AOB:

- Should ITU reintroduce 5 and 10 ECTS courses? SAT faculty members suggest a separate point for the next agenda:
- Earlier planning of re-examination: Depends on, when the results of the ordinary exam is due. SAP is working on it.
- Winter holiday. Students go skiing in week 5, 7 and 8 which is problematic to everyone: ITU has no winter holiday. ITU has nothing do to with the different skiing tours for students.
- Supervisor agreement: Some members of faculty find that the questions on the list are strange. SAT points out that the questions are not mandatory to include in the agreement. This is an issue to discuss at a faculty meeting.