SATBUSS Minutes, 24 April 2024

Attending: Naja Wammen Sørensen, Liselotte Lagerstedt, Louise Klitgaard Torntoft, Oliver Krancher, Jens Christian Felumb, Alexander Senderovitz, Anne Jensen (secretary to SATBUSS)

- Approval of agenda
  - Approved
- Follow-up on discussion from last meeting regarding delayed grades (Anne)
  - Exam team do advise the CMs to inform the students of any grade delays.
- Should there be a limit to the number of semesters a MSc student can study abroad? (DIM)
  - One of the DIM students has applied for a second semester abroad and since this student does not have a bachelor’s degree from ITU, the DIM HoSPs are worried the student does not have the same competencies as the DIM students when finishing the programme.
  - Liselotte: with the coming masters reform introducing shorter master programmes it might be a good thing to consider rules on this.
  - Oliver has experience with a maximum of 60 ECTS of exchange in German universities.
  - Louise: Are there any ITU rules on this? Or should we introduce rules on this and have a maximum according to the programme?
  - Naja: There are no limits within the university laws and regulations, so it would be a university rule. It is not a problem we face often, so it might not be necessary with a rule on this.
  - Oliver: While we still have an approval process this might not be a problem.
  - SAT Business decided to leave this with the Heads of Programme and programme coordinators and continue to handle this on a case to case basis.

- News from Board of Studies
  - Delayed grades and the processes surrounding grading. It is still unclear to the students how this works and the BoS discussed how to make it more transparent how things are handled and what the students can do if their grades are delayed.
    - BoS went through the data on delayed grades and it is still Computer Science where the biggest issue is.
• Student survey – BoS discussed how to make the students aware of what their input to the student surveys is used for and what results come from it.

• News from the programmes
  • GBI
    • Not a lot of news. The students at the semester meetings have given a bit of input, but mostly good feedback on how things are going at GBI.
    • ITU structure news – we do not know much at this point.
      • The proposed structure focuses on having sections instead of departments.
      • A lot of things are still unclear.
    • The application numbers have increased with around 20% thus far.
  
  • DIM
    • Study start on DIM:
      • Following a meeting the Heads of DIM and the study start team want to focus on how to get the GBI students to participate in the study start. The GBI students have a tendency to not attend the study start because they know ITU and what to expect.
      • DIM want to introduce subjects relevant to all, including GBI students, in the study start. They still need to have the basic study start introduction for those students who do not have their bachelor’s degree from ITU, but there might be ways of engaging the GBI students as well.
      • Alexander: There was a big group of GBI students who did not participate in the study start and the main reason expressed for not attending was that they had already been part of a study start. Alexander attended because he wanted to meet the other students and benefited from this. But he can see where the issue is and acknowledges that it is hard to motivate the current ITU students to participate if they are not necessarily interested in meeting new people.
Consider mixing the students, so GBI/ITU students are mixed with non-ITU students. Both in the study start and when the semester starts, in the courses.

- Jens: Maybe focus on having a mix of fun, meet-each-other activities with more academic activities.
- Keep it interesting and avoid repeating things that has been introduced at the bachelor’s study start.

- ILM
  - The deadline for applying for the professional master, ILM, is fast approaching. The prize has been revised a bit, because there has been few applicants and ILM hopes this will help.

- AOB
  - Approval of minutes from last meetings
    - Anne asks the SATBUSS members to look through the minutes from our meetings this semester and let her know if there are any comments or additional information. If not, the minutes will be considered approved and will be posted on ITU student after the next SATBUSS meeting.