Meeting SAT Computer Science 3 December 2019

Minutes Approved

Present:

- Dan Witzner Hansen (HoP SWU)
- Marco Carbone (HoP CS and SDT)
- Søren Debois (HoP SD and SEN)
- Laura Caroline Cholvat (Student rep., SWU)
- Theodor Christian Kier (Student rep., SWU)
- Anders Stendevad (Student rep., DS)
- Paolo Tell (Faculty rep.)
- Jesper Bengtson (Faculty rep.)
- Mette Holm Smith (Prog Coor DS/SD)
- Allette Bjørn Bundgaard (Prog Coor SWU/CS/SDT)
- Viktor Shamal Andersen (Student rep. 2020 DS)
- Daniele Galati (Student rep. 2020 DS)

Absent:

- Natalie Elaine Schluter (HoP DS)
- Sara Gjerløv (Academic supervisor)
- Philippe Bonnet (Faculty rep.)
- Liselotte Lagerstedt (Prog Coor SEN)
- Emma Arfelt Kock (Student rep., CS)
- Jesper Bengtson (Faculty rep.)

Minutes:

SAT Welcomes three new SAT student representatives for 2020. Viktor 3rd year DS, Daniele 2nd year DS participate in the meeting. Another new member is Cecilie Bech Rønsholt. Theodor remain in SAT for 2020.

1. **Approval of agenda:** Agenda approved.
2. **Approval of minutes from meeting 7 November 2019:** Minutes approved.
3. **Information:**
   A) Please, find attached the Transitional Provisions for SWU regarding the implementation of the new fourth semester course structure. Appendix 3A (in Danish).
      SAT finds the Transitional provisions good.
   B) Marco is the SAT CS Faculty representative in Study Board. He wants to quit the membership of Study Board from next election in 2021 and raise a heads up to the other heads of program that one of them take up the position.
   C) Information from meeting in Study Board: 1) Study Board approved the revised curriculum for SWU. 2) The proposal from SAT CS was withdrawn – see minutes from SAT CS meeting 8 October 2019.
   D) Status on the ITU moving project to DR-Byen: Students seem uninformed. Student Council has a member in the working group.

ITU might consider informing students via other channels also, it is vulnerable to rely on information going only via one channel.

4. **Update from study programs:** / Students.
   <u>SWU:</u> Laura 3rd year: Operating Systems and C and Programs as Data are co-taught, and closely aligned. SWU takes both courses, DS only Operating Systems and C.
   Do this cause troubles for DS student?
   Victor, who currently takes the course: It is quite a hard course for DS students, but the general feeling is that it causes no problems. It is a good course. Overall, 5th semester for DS semester seems to be ok on average with regard to workload etc.

   <u>DS:</u> Anders: Talked to Natalie and they went through the issues from last SAT meeting and decided to have a monthly meeting. Thus, Students have not contacted Head of Study Board.
   Victor: 3rd year: Only few students show up for exercises in Operating Systems and C. The course in Security and Privacy is running well.
   Daniel 2nd year: Nothing to report.

5. **Cross-disciplinary thesis/project: Goals, supervisor, external examiners:** /Marco
   NB! This discussion concerns writing projects between study programs – not the Cross-Disciplinary Teamwork Course.

   Study Board asks all SATs to discuss, if ITU should develop specific guidelines for cross-disciplinary projects.
   The problem seems to relate mostly to the fact that ITU affiliates to two bodies of external examiners (censorkorps).

   SAT has the following comments:
   - Evaluation of all students should take place with respect to their program.
   - What is the focus for the external examiner?
     > A) Being a specialist on the project topic
     > B) Being a specialist on the project process/assessment and secure a fair and right treatment of students

   SAT members expressed different viewpoints to this question.

   The programs on CS are quite closely related topic wise and use the same body of external examiners. Thus, cross-disciplinary projects and exams are not a problem. However, it might be if students from different corners and bodies of external examiners write project together.
   The easy – but more expensive - solution would be to have two external examiners for those cross-disciplinary projects.

   SAT agreed on the following proposal:
   Cross-disciplinary projects should have a supervisor from each program. Supervisors must agree on proposing one joint external examiner.

6. **AOB:**
   A) Dan asks the DS students about the amount of NLP on the DS program. Students answer that there is a lot of focus on NLP but also on many other areas e.g. ML, Image Analysis, Clustering, Network etc.

B) Paolo raise concern that it seems some SWU-students have problems finding a supervisor for their bachelor project. Students agree.
Marco explains: Presently, too many students want to do projects in ML. Thus, supervisors in the ML areas experience a lot of pressure whereas faculty in other areas are free to take in more projects.