

SATBUSS Minutes April 29th, 2021

Attending: Anna Elizabeth Thomsen, Mads Christiansen, Alexander Lytton, Alex Thor Dalum, Baki Cakici, Oliver Krancher (Leading the meeting), Anne (Secretary)

- **Approval of minutes from last SATBUSS (from March 25th 2021)**
 - Approved
- **Approval of agenda**
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- **ITU Strategy 2022-2025 – second hearing (document can be found in SATBUSS folder from April 27th)**
 - Some concern about the increase of student intake. There is a lot of perspectives to this, but it is something the students are having some reservations towards as it is still not clear how many and how it will be put into action.
 - The student representatives do not have any concerns or comments from their fellow students to pass on.
 - There is a lack of information on the increase strategy in a practical matter.
 - The increase might collide with the objective to strive for gender diversity. I.e., a bigger intake will most likely result in an increased intake of men, since the larger part of the applicants are male. This will be a challenge in the hope for more diversity.
 - The quality level might be affected from having to increase the intake of students, since it might not be possible to focus on quality in the students admitted if the number of students applying versus the wanted number of admitted students are not aligned.
 - Quantity does not necessarily equal quality in teaching and learning environments.
 - It might also affect the employability in the student body having to take in more students.
 - Fourth section, “Document the impact and visibility of our research”, seems a bit misplaced in this section.
- **Approval of proposal for external project (from DDIT to be discussed at Board of Studies – documents in SATBUSS folder)**
 - It makes sense in that it gives the students an opportunity to apply theories and methods in a setting where they are not doing heavy research-based studies. Diversity in exam forms gives the students more flexibility.
 - SATBUSS back up this new exam form.
- **News from the programmes**
 - DIM: Assessment of admissions is happening at the moment.
 - GBI: Issues with Database Use and Design course. New teacher this semester. A meeting has been set up with the teacher, Oliver and some student representatives.

Study environment survey response ended at 138 responses and Oliver will be working on the results for the next few weeks, months.

Immediate outtakes from the results:

Two patterns in the responses: 1. Students that feel excluded from study groups. 2. Stereotypical comments on group work, gender stereotypical division of work in groups.

Redundancy in the programme: Some courses feel a bit redundant to the students during their programme, and it should be considered to revise the programme and courses. Oliver will consider this and decide on it in the coming months.

- **AOB**

- Specifying the number of pages and what counts as a page in exam submissions. An update on this?
 - Baki has taken the issue to the Board of Studies. A process of finding out how many are experiencing this problem is ongoing. After this process has been carried out it will be decided if this is to be discussed at BoS or if we can make changes directly by changing the guidelines.
 - There was a specific case on a DIM course which is also being discussed and it will be taken into consideration for future teaching and examination.
- Next SATBUSS meeting will be discussing review documents on the DIM programme – there are quite a bit of reading. We will also have an item on the agenda about the review of the course and project evaluations which has been discussed at the Board of Studies.