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## Minutes from Media Technology Study Board Meeting 2020.9 Aalborg, Wednesday October 28, 2020

### Present members:

Claus B. Madsen (CBM),  
Jesper Rindom Jensen (JRJ)  
Rodrigo Ordonez (RO)  
Olga Timcenko (OT)  
Jon Ram Bruun-Pedersen (JRBP)  
Stefan Nordborg Eriksen (SNE)  
Hamzah Ziadeh (HZ)  
Louise Dørr Nielsen (LDN)  
Victor Stan (VS)  
Sára Janáčková (SJ)

### Secretaries:

Annette Erichsen  
Anne-Marie Rasmussen

### Present non-members:

Mikkel Gede Hansen (MGH), observer, study counselor  
Daniel Kierkegaard Andersen (DKA), observer study counselor

### Absent:

Eva Triantafyllou (ET)  
Nis Ovesen (NOVE), observer  
Dimitra Hadji-Popovski (DHP), observer, student  
Jeppe Paaske (JP), observer, study counselor  
Alexandru Cristian Chiritescu (ACC), observer, study counselor  
Marlene Geer Lomborg (MGL), observer, study counselor

Agenda	
1	Approval of agenda and minutes from last two meetings
2	Information from the Chairman
3	Status on the action plan from meeting no. 2020.6
4	Study plan revision <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medialogy BSc.</li><li>• Medialogy MSc.</li><li>• Sound and Music Computing MSc., AAL</li><li>• Sound and Music Computing, MSc., CPH</li><li>• Service System Design MSc.</li><li>• Lighting Design MSc.</li></ul>
5	Self-evaluation action plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medialogy BSc.</li><li>• Medialogy MSc.</li><li>• Sound and Music Computing MSc.</li><li>• Service System Design MSc.</li><li>• Lighting Design MSc.</li></ul>
6	Semester group meeting minutes, fall 2020
7	Any other business



## 1. Approval of the agenda and minutes

**Approval of agenda:** Approved

**Approval of minute 7:** Approved

**Approval of minute 8:** Approved

## 2. Information from the chairman

### **B.Sc. in Medialogy intake and PR**

As some of you have experienced the intake on Medialogy B.Sc. in AAL is low compared to previous years.

Medialogy is our only bachelor program. For MATH B students the grade requirement is 7. This was decided 4 years ago in order statistically to remove applicants that would be in high risk of dropping out. In the mean time we have experienced that some potential future students could actually be part of our program with a slightly minor grade in the Math B and still not be in the risk group. Roughly 15-20 students would have been rejected if we had this requirement last year. In CPH it is about 10 students. There has been a lot of debate the last two weeks about this. Most of the department is willing to remove it, but we do not expect it to be granted by the Pro-rector of education. As long as we have not reduced our dropout figures, we cannot argue for a change. We will need to have more statistic material to give basis for an application with this kind of change.

The study board finds that the grade part is not the only reason. The programme language is also a reason, and it is not in our hands to change it back to English.

There was a question if it would be possible to split the requirements between CPH and AAL. It is not possible.

A much better way to fix the requirment issue is to improve the PR work and contact the surrounding high schools. Remote access to lectures could be an idea. The corona has a negative impact in the work with PR, as we cannot address highschoools physically.

AAU on demand is also a good place to be visible in the high schools. Finally it was mentioned that the AV productions should be made online and by this promote the education directly.

### **Study board chair and vice chair on visit in AAL**

SNE and CBM have been on two of the planned visits in the lower semesters to inform about the study board work and the AAU election 2020. It went very well. CBM will try to approach the students in CPH in the spring semester 2021.

## 3. Status on the action plan from meeting no. 2020.7

### **Course / project grade statistics**

#### **Teacher of the year 2019-2020:**

Outcome of the election, nomination document and information to department and faculty.

Luca Simeone won the election. AMR will contact head of section in CPH Sebastian Boring to hear how Luca can be celebrated.

CBM would like to have an anonomous list with the nominees and the essence of the nominations. SNE will make a new list like last year. SNE will send the list to AMR.

AMR will contact head of section in CPH.

**20.08.20:** ANE has been in contact with head of section in CPH. In one of the coming "Cookie-" meetings they will celebrate Luca. AMR will prepare the nomination letter and the diploma and send it to CPH. SNE lacks to make the anonomous list and has promised to prepare it soon.

**23.09.20:** The list will be presented in the next meeting (SNE). Other study boards have made similar lists. Maybe a collaboration could be fine. Luca got his nomination in an online Cookie meeting on September 9 where SNE participated.

**28.10.20:** SNE has made a fine status report. Attached. We had a small debate about the phrasing. The winner among the students did not get the award gift as the student graduated.



If the students in the study board can find another winner, the secretariat will look into the case again.

**Action:** SNE will debate with the student members, if they should find another student that has nominated a teacher of the year to be a winner.

**Action:** CBM will draft an email with the report to the students and staff regarding the 2020 Teacher of the year. Staff will receive it through mail and the students through Moodle.

### **Any other business**

HZ: MED5A – some students do not have access to the MS teams room. And there are also technical challenges – mostly Audio.

Action: CBM will contact the teacher to give some good advise.

28.10.20: CBM has been in contact with the teacher and the outcome was that he would get another microphone.

HZ: It is still a problem with the MS teams groups in the RAT and CGP courses. Not all students are enrolled.

CBM: it is important that you confront the teacher or the study secretary directly with these problems.

**Action:** CBM will contact the teacher and the study secretary asap to find out if this problem can be solved.

The Screen Media course is pushed to November to hopefully have it physically. The students would prefer to have it online. Due to Covid-19 some students do not like to be present in the Create building and things might be worse in November.

Action: CBM will try to approach the teachers in a friendly way.

28.10.20: The corona situation has been tightened since the last meeting, so the students expect the teaching to be handled online. The students are waiting for some information.

**Action:** CBM will ask the Screen Media teachers about teaching in November and also ask them to inform the students directly.

## **4. Study plan revision**

- **Medialogy B.Sc. and Medialogy M.Sc. AAL**
- **Medialogy B.Sc. and Medialogy M.Sc. CPH**

The study plans for the Medialogy B.Sc programs are almost finished and will be handed in to the faculty later this week.

See attachment.

In terms of the master programs in Medialogy it was not possible to complete the revision for the 2021 version. It will hopefully be an easier task and we expect to approve it early next year.

- **Sound and Music Computing MSc. AAL**  
No news about this program.
- **Sound and Music Computing MSc. CPH**  
No news about this program.
- **Service System Design MSc.**  
No news about this program.
- **Lighting Design MSc.**  
No news about this program.

**Topic for the next meeting:** AMR will remember to add the topic in the agenda.



## 5. Self-evaluation action plan

- **Medialogy B.Sc. and Medialogy M.Sc.**
- **Sound and Music Computing M.Sc.**
- **Service Systems Design M.Sc.**
- **Lighting Design M.Sc. (encl.)**

Requitment will be part of the next years work with the self-evaluation action plan.  
No futher news to this topic.

**Topic for the next meeting:** AMR will remember to add the topic in the agenda.

## 6. Semester group meeting minutes, fall 2020

### AAL

MED3A SGM1: Low participation from the students side in the meeting. It should be possible to see in the minutes how many groups that should have participated.

LDN: Some of the MED3 students have claimed that the Perception course teaching did not improve compared to the challenges last year.

CBM: Always remember to contact your coordinator or teacher directly when you feel problems like this. In this case I will contact the coordinator to hear about this.

**Action:** CBM will contact the MED3A coordinator to get the status on the Perception course.

MED5A SGM1: Practical Corona related stuff, that not directly goes to the study board. No further comments.

### CPH

SMC7C SGM1: No comments.

SSD7 SGM1: The minute taker did not use the correct template for the minutes. It has always been a challenge with many International students and the information level before semester start. The Corona situation has not improved this process.

JRBP: has been in contact with the coordinator and the students in this semester to help probono with the AAU PBL model, and it has helped a lot.

We had a debate about this, and following was noted from the meeting: If the department has a PBL consultant in both AAL and CPH, we might avoid students dropping out in general. And it could also be a help to the semester coordinators. It is important that it stays in the department

**Action:** CBM will invite JRBP, Hendrik Knoche and maby a few other people from the department to a meeting to look into having a PBL VIP in both AAL and CPH. They will also look at the dropout figures for the programs in general.



- OT: The MED5C students have asked questions regarding the Screen Media exam in January. It is a physical written exam for 4 hours and not all of the students are fond of being physical in the Create CPH building, due to Corona.
- CBM: Until we have new exam guidelines, our exams that are planned to be physical, will be physical. We have seen a lot of teachers asking for an exam format change before the semester started, so we do not expect it to be many exams. It is the students responsibility to show up for the exams. We know of some foreign students that will go home for vacation and return to 2 weeks quarantine time in DK. Of course we understand the aspects of problems that may occur like this. Other students are in a risk group or their relatives are. Those students can document this and send an application for exemption to the study board. We are of course aware that things will change from one day to another. As long as we do not have new guidelines, we will have to act as normal. CBM will contact head of studies that we have students and staff that are frustrated regarding lack of information especially regarding physical teaching and handling physical exams in January.
- Action:** CBM will contact NOVE and let him know that students and staff are frustrated regarding lack of information with physical teaching and handling physical exams in January.

We had a debate about different technical challenges regarding online or physical lecturing, hardware, and maybe misunderstandings when or not to show up. As a general rule talk to the lecturers and/or the coordinators.

## 7. Any other business

### **SNE:**

Kasper Rodil has lately made a debriefing regarding the new course in MED1. Will it reach the study board so we can discuss any of it or will it only be part of the study plan revision?

CBM: It was not directly a plan to discuss it – We have a new course in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester in 10 ECTS and it is called "Introduktion til kreativ digital udvikling". It is going to involve Unity 1.0.1 and Game Jam. I can contact Kasper Rodil to make a document describing the course and the thoughts behind it.

**Action:** CBM will contact Kasper Rodil and ask him to make a document regarding the new course in MED1.

MGH: In the semester description for MED7 it is mentioned that we would have a 1 ECTS Scientific communication course and a MedCon conference. At the same time we are also in doubt about the hand in requirements.

CBM: will look into this and ask the coordinator in CPH.

**Action:** CBM will ask the coordinator to look at the semester description for MED7C, especially the 1 ECTS Scientific Communication course and the hand in requirements.



### **Actions:**

#### **Teacher of the year 2019-2020:**

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#### **Any other business (meeting 2020.7):**

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#### **Semester group meeting minutes, fall 2020**

##### **MED3A SGM1:**

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##### **SSD7 SGM1:**

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##### **MED5C / OT: Screen Media physical exam in January**

CBM will contact NOVE and let him know that students and staff are frustrated regarding lack of information with physical teaching and handling physical exams in January.

#### **Any other business (meeting 2020.9):**

##### **SNE: New course in MED1, a description and thoughts behind would be good to have:**

CBM will contact Kasper Rodil and ask him to make a document regarding the new course in MED1.

##### **MGH: Scientific communication course in MED7C and hand in requirements:**

CBM will ask the coordinator to look at the semester description for MED7C, especially the 1 ECTS Scientific Communication course and the hand in requirements.

### **Topics/actions to the next meeting agenda:**

- Study plan revision
- Self-evaluation action plan