



AALBORG UNIVERSITET

Study Board for
Chemistry and Bioscience

Minutes from Study Board meeting on Wednesday 20.05.2026 at 13.00 in Aalborg and Esbjerg

Present from Aalborg: Mads Koustrup Jørgensen (MKJ), Majken Pagter (MP), Lars Haastrup Pedersen (LHP), Nicklas Bjørnmose Dupont (NBD), Mikkel Aaholm Bennetsen (MAB), Marcus Juul Skovmose (MJS)

Observers: Niels T Eriksen (NTE), Ida Gjerulff Thomsen (IGT),

Present from Esbjerg: Morten E. Simonsen (MES),

Cancellation/not present: Jonas Bjerring Christensen (JBC), Clara Victoria Raunholt Ehlert (CRE) (observer),

Agenda:

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Approval of minutes from meeting 15.04.2026
3. Student applications (confidential)
4. General information
5. Discussion
6. Curricula
7. Quality assurance
8. Budget
9. Any other business

1. Approval of the agenda

Action

Approved. Appendices 26-087 and 26-088 were subsequently submitted for item 5a. Appendix 26-089 was added during the meeting under new item 4f – reexamination plan for Esbjerg F26 for information. Items marked in red were not reviewed at the meeting due to time constraints and will therefore be discussed at the Study Board meeting in June.	
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2. Approval of minutes from meeting 15.04.2026

Approved.	
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**3. Student applications (confidential)**

<p>a) List of application cases processed since the last Study Board meeting, appendix 26-049 LHP reviews the list of student cases since the last meeting.</p> <p>b) Application for dispensation for a fourth examination attempt for two modules, appendix 26-050 Rejected due to lack of documentation.</p> <p>c) Application for dispensation for a fourth examination attempt, appendix 26-051 Rejected due to lack of documentation.</p> <p>d) Application for dispensation for a fifth examination attempt, appendix 26-086 Rejected due to lack of documentation.</p>	
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4. General information

<p>a) Nomination of Lecturer of the Year (student representatives) The Study Board members have distributed a questionnaire and will report back on the selected Lecturer of the Year at the next Study Board meeting on 10 June.</p> <p>b) AAU to assume responsibility for parts of SPS support from 1 January 2027, appendix 26-052 LHP: Olivia Danmark has been responsible for this for several years with varying success; AAU will now take over again. Questions were raised at the meeting regarding the transition, but the Study Board has no further information beyond what has already been circulated. LHP: It will take some time to establish a qualified support staff. NTE: We may not necessarily notice a difference, as it has always been difficult to find the necessary resources given the number of staff willing and able to assist. Support persons cannot be students; they must be employees.</p> <p>c) Follow-up on challenges in the study environment 2026/2027, appendix 26-053 LHP: Follow-up after the allocation of new group rooms at Fib 10 and Kroghstræde 5. In particular, the lighting at Kroghstræde has been very strong. MAB: Poor indoor climate at Fib 10. NTE: These are former office spaces where the ventilation is not designed for group rooms with several occupants. No improvements are planned, as the buildings are scheduled for demolition in the longer term. NTE: Fredrik Bajers Vej 7e will in future be used as "swing space" (temporary facilities) when buildings or rooms at AAU undergo renovation.</p> <p>d) Project examination schedule Esbjerg F2026, appendix 26-054 Noted.</p>	NBD
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<p>e) Project examination schedules Aalborg F2026 Environmental Science BSc, 4th semester, appendix 26-055 Biology BSc, 4th semester, appendix 26-056 Chemical Engineering BSc, 4th semester, appendix 26-057 Biotechnology BSc, 4th semester, appendix 26-058 Biotechnology MSc, 2nd semester, appendix 26-059 Biology MSc, 2nd semester, appendix 26-060 Chemistry MSc, 2nd semester, appendix 26-061</p> <p>Noted. There have been some challenges in identifying external examiners for project examinations due to a new appointment period commencing in April 2026. External examiners are appointed for a four-year term at a time.</p> <p>f) Reexamination schedule for Esbjerg F26 for information, appendix 26-089 Noted.</p>	
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5. Discussion

<p>a) Approval of examination schedule for January/February (AAL), appendices 26-087 and 26-088 NBD participated in preparing the examination schedules this time together with NTE and the study secretaries. Particular attention was paid to avoiding overlaps of two examinations on the same day where there could be a risk of a student having to sit two exams. NBD and NTE answered questions at the meeting regarding the prioritisation of examination dates. Approved.</p> <p>b) Discussion of whether to grant a general dispensation allowing all students to listen to music/use headphones during on-site written examinations A discussion was held at the meeting for and against a general dispensation, including whether it could enable potential cheating and whether it might disturb other students if music is played through headphones. The conclusion was that students who have been granted dispensation to listen to music and/or use text-to-speech software may use wireless headphones; however, no general dispensation will be granted allowing all students to listen to music.</p> <p>c) Guidelines for project examinations for approval, appendix 26-062 The draft guidelines were approved. LHP will make minor revisions and send them to NTE so they can be translated and published on the website.</p> <p>d) Evaluation of students – by lecturers and supervisors, appendix 26-063 NBD suggests that the evaluation should be more qualitative, allowing the lecturer to include notes reflecting their impressions of how the course has</p>	LHP
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<p>progressed – for example, inspired by the draft questionnaire. MJS proposes a combined approach, enabling both statistical data and a comment field where the lecturer can elaborate on impressions/experiences during the course. NTE: It is already planned to include a comment field titled “Other comments”, which could potentially be renamed. LKII: This field could include prompts indicating what the lecturer might address in the evaluation. The students do not find it inappropriate that lecturers also evaluate the students/the course and consider it a good idea to be able to compare the students’ evaluation of a course with the lecturer’s evaluation of the students for the given module. LHP: I would like to add a question such as “Were the learning objectives discussed at the start of the project?” (in relation to project modules).</p>	<p>NTE</p>
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6. Curricula

<p>No items on the agenda.</p>	
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7. Quality assurance

<p>Graduate survey 2023 and 2025 (presented by NTE), appendix 26-064 NTE reviews the graduate survey. LHP: It is interesting to see when our graduates begin applying for jobs. We would like our students to start applying before they complete their studies. LHP: In collaboration with AAU Career, we have offered some courses on job profiling and individual career counselling. NTE: The graduate survey database makes it difficult to extract overviews at programme level. We can extract some statistics on unemployment rates and present them at the next Study Board meeting if there is interest. NTE: Data on programmes across universities can be found on Uddannelseszoom. LHP: I have noted that this information could also be relevant and of interest to students. We will need to find a way to make this accessible.</p> <p>SurveyXact – semester evaluations E25 Focus will be on the submitted semester reports and the corresponding evaluation reports. Other reports will be reviewed as time permits – otherwise at the Study Board meeting in June.</p> <p>Esbjerg 1st semester BSc, appendix 26-065 3rd semester BSc, appendix 26-066 5th semester BSc, appendix 26-067</p>	<p>NTE/LHP</p>
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1st semester BSc, appendix 26-068

3rd semester BSc, appendix 26-069

5th semester BSc, appendix 26-070

1st semester MSc Biology, appendix 26-071

1st semester MSc Biotechnology, appendix 26-072

1st semester MSc Chemistry, appendix 26-073

Semester reports E25

Overview of submitted semester reports, appendix 26-074

Esbjerg

1st semester BSc and Diploma, appendix 26-075

LHP: The semester coordinator comments that the semester has functioned satisfactorily and that the structure should be maintained. There are some comments regarding the mathematics course. Otherwise, feedback is generally positive. Overall, it is a well-functioning semester, and the structure and format should be retained.

3rd semester BSc and Diploma, appendix 26-076

MES: Overall, the semester has gone very well. The half-module of the course "Inorganic and Organic Chemistry" has received some negative feedback – this has occurred several times. LHP has discussed this with the lecturer, particularly regarding content overload. LHP will follow up again with the lecturer responsible for the module, including in relation to the learning objectives and the scope of the course compared to the number of teaching sessions.

MAB: The lecturer in question could potentially collaborate with Thorbjørn, who teaches Organic Chemistry in Aalborg and has received positive feedback.

MES: There is some confusion among students regarding slides and examination questions. The two lecturers discuss the two parts of the course each semester prior to the start. Additionally, students would like more group rooms; however, when looking around, several group rooms are often available.

5th semester BSc and Diploma, appendix 26-077

LHP: There are no recommendations for the Study Board.

Overall, feedback on the semester is positive. The courses appear to have been assessed fairly positively. The Mathematical Modelling course has received some criticism, but this module will be discontinued in the new curriculum.

1st semester MSc Chemical Engineering, appendix 26-078

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1st semester BSc, appendix 26-079

5th semester BSc Biotechnology, Chemical Engineering, Environmental Science, Chemistry and Diploma, appendix 26-080

1st semester MSc Chemistry, appendix 26-081

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<p>Minutes from semester meetings/steering group meetings Steering group meeting 2, 6th semester Esbjerg, appendix 26-082 Steering group meeting 2, 2nd semester MSc Bioprocess Engineering Esbjerg, appendix 26-083</p> <p>Action plans for programme evaluations No items on the agenda.</p>	
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8. Budget

<p>a) Study Board grants – updated, appendix 26-085</p>	
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9. Any other business

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*AI was used for translation of the minutes from Danish to English.