

**Minutes of meeting (2026-01) in the Study Board of
Build, Energy, Electronics and Mechanics in Esbjerg
04.02.2026**

Present:

Matthias Mandø (MMA) (Chair), Daniel Ortiz Arroya (DOA), Anette Larsen (ALL) (secretary)

Observer:

Oliver James Tholstrup Bradfield

Absent:

Jesper Liniger (JEL), Mads Pagh Nielsen (MPN), Ulisse Valeriani, Visnu Ritesh Vijayakumaar Palanisamy

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Sara Lindberg Hildebrandt, Charlotte Slot Lolk, Anne Linde Poulsen, Pia Vestergaard Jensen, Christian Wintther Dissing, Mads Pagh Nielsen, Tamas Kerekes, Gitte Hageman Christensen, Head of department, Anne Marie Hvilsom Christensen.

Minute taker: ALL

Agenda

0. Appointment of study board, incl election of chairman and vice chairman
1. Approval of agenda
2. Approval of minutes of meeting 15.12.2025
3. Follow up after meeting 15.12.2025
4. General announcements
5. RISK seminar
6. APEL, SEE: Initial discussion about changes to study programmes
7. Teacher of the year
8. [Moodle project page](#) – to be approved
9. AOB
10. Credit transfer and exemptions (confidential)

Minutes

0. Appointment of study board, incl election of chairman and vice chairman

Only two members of the study board present. Appointment of study board is therefore postponed until next time (4 March 2026).

1. Approval of agenda

Approved without comments.

2. Approval of minutes of meeting 15.12.2025

Minutes approved without comments.

3. Follow up after meeting 15.12.2025

All action points have been taken care of.

4. General announcements

- Hearing x 2 (received 20-01-26 with deadline 25-01-26, just info now):
 1. Initiatives to counteract misuse of student visa
 2. Admission is to be grouped DK/EU/EØS versus tuition paying students, so-called 'USB's'
 3. Limits on uptake for **all** study programmes in Denmark, need ranking criteria for all study programmes
 4. Separate limits on uptake for each group
 5. Same admission criteria for the two groups, but possibility to conduct a 'test' for USB's
 6. Study start test for USB's separately

Update after meeting: Anette has added the [original email](#) to beam-bilag for your easy reference, if you want to read it again.

Comments:

1. Admission structure and new rules

- New: Students are divided into two groups
 1. Group 1: Danish and EU/EEA students
 2. Group 2: USB
- We admit all applicants that are qualified
- New: There is now a national enrolment ceiling for all study programmes
- We have never used ranking criteria, as we have always had enough available seats
- What *is* new for us is the separation into two groups
- Example: We may admit 10 EU students, but only 5 USB students
- These quotas are set by the university, not by us
- Demographic changes mean we expect fewer students overall
- "Criteria" refers to having the proper prerequisites (e.g. upper-secondary education)

2. New Study start test — purpose and setup

- It is possible to design a study start test specifically for USB (this is part of the coming legislation)
- The test may potentially be conducted as an online interview

Other discussions related to commencement of studies:

(note: two different study start tests are discussed – both a new one for master students (above) and the current one taken by bachelor students (below))

3. Current bachelor study start test

- Primary purposes of the bachelor study start test:
 1. Verify attendance / participation
 2. Assess basic math skills (some students struggle)
- Students are offered Math 101 brush-up afterwards
- Increasing the difficulty level could help align expectations with the academic level
- Example: Oliver stated he would have benefited from brush-up
- Question raised: Should the test be more difficult? ALL will investigate.

4. Calculus

- Discussion about test given in workshop under the Calculus course. No conclusion.

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- Quality reporting meeting, 29-01-2026
 1. Reporting to and feedback from prodean of education and head of dept. on our action plan and identified problems on our study programmes.
 2. There was particular focus on RISK in the talk. (High dropout rate)
 - Should new RISK have an offer for a brush-up course in mathematics? like math101 – Yes says the study board
 - Study start test on RISK for all students? Leads to recommendation for brush-up math - Yes says the study board.
 - More use of E1-mentors for RISK students
 - Approach KP for recruitment (existing MMA task)

Comments:

- The quality meeting is sort of an exam for the study board. It was a good meeting which gave rise to good discussions and new ideas.
- There was some focus on RISK, specifically the high dropout rate.
- RISK has more or less two groups of students: with engineering or more social sciences background respectively.
- Københavns Produktionsskole – University College Copenhagen – have a bachelor in how to handle catastrophes. This could feed into our RISK programme.
- The study board agrees that RISK students should have a study start test and the offer of math brush up.
- Quality reporting meeting, 29-01-2026 (cont.)
 1. Funds for recruiting of new students in Esbjerg. (200,000 DKK)
 - Trip to Greece in April
 - SoMe campaign on energy

Comments:

- Ideas for recruitment are welcome
- We would like AAU communications to do a campaign for the “new” English language energy bachelor.
- DSUR, 26-01-2026
 1. Evaluation of Studystart, discussion of advisory panels, communication of new PBL principles, Credit transfer of pedagogical competences, teacher of the year, Candidate reform, information
- Dropout rate

Comment:

- We will investigate dropout reasons, to be presented at next meeting.

5. RISK seminar – 22 April 2026

We need to formulate a new study curriculum. To support this process, we have invited all relevant stakeholders to a seminar.

MMA has already begun the process of formulating the formal application (an application must be made to the ministry)

During the seminar:

- We will discuss different models.
- Courses will need to be formulated and reformulated as part of the new curriculum.
- Baran, coordinator of the programme, will participate.
- Aalborg University and the University of Southern Denmark are both involved — the responsibility is divided equally between the two institutions.
- Aalborg University's contribution focuses primarily on the analytical aspects, including simulations.

6. APEL, SEE: Initial discussion about changes to study programmes

MMA has made application regarding name change for APEL. No other changes are proposed for this programme.

SEE+APEL. We will officially apply for an industrial master (EKA), with internal deadline Aug 15 2026

7. Teacher of the year

ALL will write to students again; will include Oliver, our new observer.

8. Moodle project page – to be approved

Matthias and Anette have updated a Moodle page: Procedure for project work.

Comments:

- The number of pages is a guideline; some project will be longer or shorter. We will add that it is ok to have fewer pages.
- ALL to send to Oliver for comments.

9. AOB

Two subjects to be discussed:

Daniel asks about status for APEL name change? expected implemented by summer 2027.

Discussion about PBL.

- This issue is raised because Oliver has written an email about PBL to the study board.
- Matthias encourages Oliver to fill out the semester evaluation when this is made available (Christian will send SurveyXact).
- Oliver was discouraged with Aida stating that a lot of students do not like PBL. Encouraged her to provide better motivation for the course.
- There is no review process of teachers and teaching. There is a pedagogical course over one year: an introduction if you want to teach, but no peer review once you finish the course. MPN have talked about teaching teams which would address this point. Teaching teams is under consideration/TBD.
- Also, PBL should be more concrete than abstract. Oliver suggest more examples, more guest lectures, more relevance for engineering.
- MMA will take this up with teacher at the scheduled talk in the spring.

10. Credit transfer and exemptions (confidential)

Survey of list in WorkZone.

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Action points, incl. responsible people – Study board meeting 04.03.2026

- The study board agrees that RISK students should have a study start test and the offer of math brush up. (MMA, ALL)
- Confidentiality agreement for Oliver (ALL)
- Dropout rate – identify reasons, to be discussed (MMA, ALL – talk to study secretaries)
- Moodle page – send to students for their input (ALL)
- PBL – MMA to talk to teacher (at scheduled spring/summer meeting)

Items moved to next meeting's agenda

- Appointment of studyboard (chairman and vice-chairman)
- Teacher of the Year, autumn 2025