



AALBORG UNIVERSITET

Study Board for
Chemistry and Bioscience

Minutes from Study Board meeting on Wednesday 14.01.2026 at 13.00 in Aalborg og Esbjerg

Present from Aalborg: Mads Koustrup Jørgensen (MKJ), Majken Pagter (MP), Lars Haastrup Pedersen (LHP), Anders Emuel Olsen (AEO), Nicklas Bjørnmose Dupont (NBD), Ejnar Bach Rasmussen (EBR)

Observers: Niels T Eriksen (NTE)

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

Cancellation/not present: Bilal Ahmad (BA), Clara Victoria Raunholt Ehlert (CRE), Ida Gjerulff Thomsen (IGT),

Agenda:

1. Approval of the agenda
2. Approval of minutes from meeting 10.12.2025
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

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Approved.	
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2. Approval of minutes from meeting 10.12.2025

Approved. Noted.	
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3. Student applications (confidential)

<p>a) List of application cases processed since the last Study Board meeting appendix 26-001 Noted.</p> <p>b) Application for exemption from the rules on study inactivity, appendix 26-002 The Study Board denies the exemption request, as it assesses that no extraordinary circumstances apply.</p>	
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<p>c) Application for exemption from the 24-month rule/passing requirement, appendix 26-003 The Study Board denies the exemption request, as it assesses that no extraordinary circumstances apply.</p> <p>d) Reconsideration of appeal case, appendix 26-012 The Study Board upholds the rejection, as it assesses that no extraordinary circumstances apply.</p>	
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4. General information

<p>a) Annual Report of the Censor Corps for the Bachelor of Engineering Programmes 2024–2025, appendix 26-004</p> <p>LHP: There are more men than women in the Censor Corps. The Censor Corps believes that the gender distribution among the examiners reflects that of the graduates completing the programmes. LHP does not fully agree with this.</p> <p>The Censor Corps wishes to implement a system that randomly allocates examiners to exams in order to ensure broad utilisation of the corps. They hope that the system will be implemented in 2026. The Study Board can identify several challenges in using such a system, both in terms of academic alignment and administrative considerations relating to exam scheduling.</p> <p>The Censor Corps addresses the development in the use of AI – including in relation to different examination formats.</p> <p>The Censor Corps remains committed to reducing ad hoc appointments of examiners. It is now possible, in emergency situations, to “borrow” an examiner from another corps.</p> <p>The Censor Corps has discussed the government’s proposal for a new grading scale, which the corps views positively.</p> <p>The Study Board is likewise generally positive towards this proposal.</p> <p>Taken into consideration.</p>	
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5. Discussion

<p>a) Evaluation of 2025 in the Study Board and upcoming activities in 2026 – including annual cycle (årshjul) and number of student cases handled</p> <p>Annual Cycle 2025, appendix 26-005</p> <p>Annual Cycle 2026, appendix 26-006</p> <p>The department’s quality officer will be on parental leave in spring 2026, so the annual cycle must be adjusted accordingly.</p> <p>The evaluation of the project catalogue is scheduled for March in the new 2026 annual cycle.</p> <p>LHP will prepare a plan for how the project catalogue can be evaluated. One possibility may be spot checks and a distribution based on study programmes among the various academic Study Board members (VIPs).</p> <p>AEO: Suggests including a physical tour in the annual cycle, so that members visit various buildings, including group rooms, etc.</p> <p>EBR: Suggests a preliminary meeting/briefing for new Study Board members regarding what it entails to be a member, prior to the Study Board meeting in</p>	<p>LKII</p> <p>LHP</p> <p>LKII</p>
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<p>February. LHP: Agrees that it is a good idea to hold a handover meeting between outgoing student members and the new members, together with Lars. Lars will send written information about Study Board work to Nicklas, who will invite the new student members to a meeting. LKII will additionally send information and a confidentiality statement to the new student members. The annual cycle should also be included at the first meeting of the new Study Board.</p> <p>b) Consultation (Høring): New admission requirements and ranking criteria for master's programmes Email from the Admissions Office, appendix 26-007 Attachments, sppendix 26-008</p> <p>LHP: At present, all applications are submitted to a subject-specific academic staff member (VIP) for assessment. NTE: It is now possible to divide applications into two groups. We must set a cap on fee-paying students, and we must determine whether to introduce additional criteria in our programme regulations regarding admission requirements. NTE explains the different available options. NTE proposes setting a cap of 5 fee-paying students. We may introduce a grade requirement – NTE suggests an intermediate level. MP: Could an oral interview also be an option? NTE: Will investigate whether it is possible to conduct interviews in cases of doubt about applicants, and will consult the academic assessors. NBD: Would it be possible to require applicants to submit a video of themselves, for example briefly presenting who they are and describing their bachelor project as a kind of admissions test? NTE will investigate whether this is possible. The Study Board proposes a cap of 6 applicants who are fee-paying/outside the EU for each programme, as well as a grade requirement at intermediate level.</p>	<p>LHP NBD LKII</p> <p>NTE</p>
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6. Curricula

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

<p><u>Semester Reports:</u> Overview of received semester evaluations F25 – updated, appendix 26-009 LHP: A few semester reports are still missing. There is a meeting with the semester coordinators next week, and LHP will follow up with the remaining coordinators there.</p> <p>2nd-semester Bachelor, Aalborg, appendix 26-010 LHP: There were a few comments regarding General Biology. From 2026, the module has been revised and is now titled <i>General Biology and Biochemistry</i>.</p>	<p>LHP</p>
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<p>LHP: There was also a comment concerning the lack of screens in several group rooms – this can be addressed by purchasing additional screens. NTE will investigate the possibilities. The cost of screens and installation is expected to amount to approximately DKK 250,000. AEO: Applied Statistics – it seems to have become more demanding. The workload could perhaps be reviewed. LHP will discuss this with the lecturer and consider establishing some guidelines for students regarding how much time and effort they are expected to spend on the course.</p>	<p>NTE LHP</p>
<p>4th-semester Bachelor, Aalborg, appendix 26-011</p>	
<p>LHP: There were a few comments about the biochemistry exam and perceived differences in marks due to having two different lecturers. LHP has investigated this and found no difference in grading depending on who serves as examiner. Some uncertainty was raised regarding the mini-project in Data Science, as well as a wish for more screens (as in the 2nd semester). NBD: Project supervisors should be aware of which equipment is available in relation to the project catalogue.</p>	
<p>4th-semester Bachelor/Diploma, Esbjerg, Appendix 26-013</p>	
<p>LHP: There were several comments regarding the PBL workshop. LHP has responded to the semester coordinator that the format is determined at faculty level; PBL must be delivered in this format/as a workshop. Additionally, participation in the PBL workshop is voluntary for students, although they are encouraged to attend. Students can be involved in identifying topics they would find relevant for the workshop. NBD: It is unfortunate that teaching is scheduled at the same time as the PBL workshop. NTE: We have repeatedly informed PLAN (Department of Planning) that the PBL workshop dates must be finalised before the central allocation of auditoriums. After that point, it is not possible for the study administration to change the scheduling of large teaching activities assigned to auditoriums/large rooms. LHP: At the semester coordinators’ meeting, there could be input on possible topics for the PBL workshop. MES: There were some comments regarding the psychological study environment. It is difficult to foster cohesion among the students, possibly due to their very diverse backgrounds. Various activities have been organised, but it is the same group of students who consistently participate, while another group never takes part.</p>	
<p>NBD: Could an additional question be added to SurveyXact regarding whether students feel they are missing certain activities, and whether they have suggestions for other types of activities beyond those already organised?</p>	<p>SMJE</p>

8. Budget

<p>a) Study Board grants – Nothing new.</p>	
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9. Any other business

<p>AEO: Facility Support can supply power cables for the kitchenette areas in Fredrik Bajers Vej 7H.</p> <p>NTE: Campus Service will begin renovating Fredrik Bajers Vej 5 from 1 February 2026, meaning we must vacate the building. We have been offered several alternative solutions.</p> <p>We have accepted Fibigerstræde 10 and Kroghstræde 5. We now need to determine how the rooms will be allocated across the semesters. For the time being, this arrangement will apply for one semester.</p> <p>In the longer term, we may be allocated another building at Fredrik Bajers Vej 7, although it will require renovation beforehand. This has not yet been confirmed.</p>	
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Referent

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