

# Minutes

<b>Subject</b>	Education Committee
<b>Date and time</b>	February 15 <sup>th</sup> , 13:00-14:30
<b>Location</b>	Nobel
<b>Invited</b>	Associate Professor Ciprian Cimpan, Head of Program, Chair Professor MSO Morten Birkved Associate professor Birgitte Lilholt Sørensen Professor Henrik Wenzel Programme Coordinator Mette Smølz Skau Programme Coordinator Hannah Zuschke Student representative Karoline Sofie Kahr Petersen Student representative Nick Schwerdtner

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**Cancellation from** Henrik Wenzel, Karoline Sofie Kahr Petersen, and Morten Birkved

## 1. Welcome to new student representatives

Everybody introduced themselves and Nick was introduced to the rules of confidentiality for sensitive matters discussed at the meeting.

## 2. Introduction of Hannah

Hannah is taking over the role as programme coordinator for the programme and was welcomed into the UUV.

## 3. Follow up from advisory board meeting

The meeting was hosted by Miljøstyrelsen. Several graduates participated and talk about their transition from students to employees. Many of them were international students since they have specific challenges to get employed in Denmark.

The Business and Management course that no longer exist was mentioned as especially helpful, as well as project management.

We can contact Sara Egemose from Climate Adaption to ask if they have a course that could covers these areas. Ciprian will look at courses from other faculties to see if they have anything useful. It would be good to have a course that covers corporate social responsibility and management.

## 4. Master introduction survey

Only 5 students filled out the survey so the numbers might not be representative. However, the 5 students seemed to be overall satisfied with the study start.

## 5. Exam statistics

No concerns. A few students didn't show up but only because of illness. Very few students failed their exams, and the grades were generally high.

## 6. Approval of master thesis contracts

- Supervisors should not accept thesis contracts if they are not completely correct. They cannot "accept with changes", but has to refuse the contract, if it is not as it should be.
- Supervisors need to make sure the students have checked "in co-operation with company" if relevant.

## 7. News from the student representatives

The Environmental Engineering students should be more encouraged to participate in the Below Zero Project. Ciprian will do this when he teaches his classes.

The exams do not capture who actually participated in the group work during the semester. A few students might do all the work and the lazy group members will appear to have been just as active.

It is difficult to motivate your fellow students and the introduction to teamwork did not help. The active students can't always motivate the others and they can't force them to engage.

Nick suggested that each student should be responsible for a specific part so the individual contribution can be part of the group assessment. However, this goes against the foundation of group work where the principle is to work across tasks.

For some of the projects it might be helpful to have smaller groups.

Ensuring proper group work could be a topic for the next education meeting and in the LCE group.

## 8. AOB

The Sustainable Development course is no longer mandatory for the Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology students, since it goes too deep in the sustainability aspect, which is already covered in their bachelor programme.

Mette will contact the other Programme coordinators and ask if they want to offer it as an elective.

## 9. Planning of the next meeting

Next meeting will be held at the beginning of September.