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DTU Aqua’s Study Board (ISN)

15 May 2017

Present
Peter Vilhelm Skov (Chair), Adina Schwartzbach (Vice Chair), Christian Skov, Uffe Høgsbro Thygesen, Camila Serra Pompei, Nil Llonch, Matilde Sort, Marja Koski, Christine Cecilie Hastrup

Absent
Nina Qvistgaard, Lea Tolstrup Jensen

ISN meeting Wednesday 3 May 2017

Agenda
1. Approval of agenda
2. Approval of minutes
3. Course Base status (CHCI)
4. Courses/ECTS with external examination (CHCI)
5. Revising the study handbook (MAK)
6. Suggestions for specialization courses (PVSK, CK, MAK/KHA)
7. Next meeting
8. Any other business

Point 1. Approval of agenda
AS was at the study board chair meeting, and would like to update the study board on that. We’ll put it under any other business.

Point 2. Approval of minutes
Approved.

Point 3. Course Base status
The course base has gone through its annual updating. All course responsibles have been contacted and asked if they had any changes to the course description for the next academic year, 2017/2018. It was a bit difficult to get an answer from everyone, but eventually we made it. There have been no major changes, except for the Phycology course, which has gone back to being registered as a KU
course, alongside some changes to the course description, and 25312 which has been moved from January to the 13 week period in autumn. Two courses will be revised later; the new Ecology course, because we are waiting for the results from the evaluation, as well as the Advanced RAS course, which will be revised after it has run in June. CK: Had some comments to the new course description for 25312. PVSK: A 13 week course’s description will differ from one from the 3 week period, so it’s not unusual to make a lot of changes. Would students find the course description good? CHCI will send the new course description to the students and ask them to evaluate it. MAK: Capture Technology is not in the course base for the next academic year. Why? It might be a matter of staff shortage, and we are waiting to hear what the course will look like with a new course responsible. After summer, we will ask for a course description.

Point 4. Courses/ECTS with external examination
We might be in a shortage of courses with external examination. We thought that Biological Oceanography already had external examination, but it does not. CHCI has asked the course responsible, but it is not quite suitable, as the oral exam only counts for 70% of the overall grade. What about 25328? That course also has evaluation of both the exam and the exercises.

Point 5. Revising the study handbook
The study handbook needs to be revised, so if we want to change something it has to be now. In the general competence group of courses, there are five ECTS extra to choose from. MAK: it would be good to develop a new course, which could potentially replace TEMO, since no one is taking it. MAK and CHCI will produce a suggestion for a new course. UHT, PVSK and CK will read through the current study handbook to look for errors.

Point 6. Suggestions for specialization courses
As we discussed last time, we need to establish which courses students are required to take, if they want the specialization certification for Aquaculture, Fisheries or Oceanography. Today was the deadline for deciding which courses it should be. Note that it does not have to be the same amount of credits for each specialization.

Aquaculture: PVSK: In total, the students are expected to complete 30 ECTS worth of courses that the study board finds relevant for a specialisation in aquaculture.

The following 20 ECTS must be taken:
25316 Recirculating Aquaculture Systems
25322 Advanced Course in Recirculating Aquaculture Systems: Design and Application
25326 Fish Physiology in Aquaculture
25321 Fish Nutrition and Bioenergetics

In addition, the students must choose at least 10 ECTS from the following possible courses:
25305 Marine Aquaculture
25315 Genetic methods in aquaculture
25309 Design of Survey and Monitoring Systems
28434 Membrane Technology
12333 Water Resources Management
24201 Diseases and veterinary aspects related to Aquaculture
NL: A student I know took membrane technology, but said it was quite difficult. Maybe take 12333 Water Resources Management instead? PVSK: It might not be specialized enough for aquaculture. Maybe we can put it in courses to choose from. MS: Why not the DTU VET courses (Diseases in Aquaculture)? PVSK: Yes that can be added too. MAK: The amount of courses makes it hard to take courses at other universities, for instance in Norway.

Oceanography: MAK has been working on it, but will need Ken to make the final decisions.
Fisheries: CK: Working on it. Fisheries ecology and assessment is mandatory, as well as fisheries oceanography and design of survey and monitoring systems. MAK: The deadline for getting it in the study handbook is in a few weeks, so there is still time to get then last courses in order. MAK/Ken and CK will write down something more set, to be put in the study handbook.

Point 7. Next meeting
Next meeting will be on Friday Sept. 8th from 12-15. It is the same day as the reception for our new students.

Point 8. Any other business
AS: News from the ISN chairman meeting: The deadline for participating in Green Challenge is coming up. We will send a message to the students about it. On June 2nd there will be two sessions on MOOCS, but more information will come (red. As of May 15th, no news about it has been made available). When we know more, CHCI will send a message to the teacher group. CK: About KU028: The course responsible have discussed the evaluations, and have decided to rearrange the order of themes and have less group work and more lectures. They also debated whether to change the exam form into a multiple choice exam, but have decided to begin with the other changes and then maybe change the exam form later. CHCI: We will have an end of semester get-together on May 30th, the last day of exams. We are currently looking for a suitable place to play rundbold.