



## Minutes from Media Technology Study Board Meeting 2019.7 Aalborg, Wednesday September 4, 2019

### Present members:

Claus B. Madsen (CBM), Chair  
Martin Kraus (MK)  
Olga Timcenko (OT)  
Rodrigo Ordonez (RO)  
Stefan Nordborg Eriksen (SNE), Vicechair  
Christine Ingerslev (CI)  
Michelle Fly (MFL)

### Secretaries:

Anne-Marie Rasmussen (AMR)  
Annette Erichsen (ANE)  
Pia S. Vase (PSV)

### Present non-members:

Jon Ram Bruun-Pedersen (JRBP), observer  
Marlene Geer Lomborg (MGL), observer, study counselor  
Elisabeth Sidenius Nordentoft (EN), observer, study counselor

### Absent:

Sára Janáčková (SJ)  
Alexander Sennefelder (AS), observer, study counselor  
Ingeborg Goll Rossau (IR), observer, study counselor  
Nis Ovesen (NOVE), observer  
Morten Falch (MF)

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## 1. Approval of the agenda and minutes

**Approval of agenda:** Approved.

**Approval of minutes:** Approved.

## 2. Information from the Chairman

On behalf of instructions from the TECH faculty the department has hired a consultant agency (IS IT A BIRD) to investigate the possibilities to promote employability for our graduate students in Medialogy, both in AAL and CPH. In practice they would like to meet with approx. 8 former students, select employees and relevant representatives from industry. They will employ a mix of small group interviews, larger meetings and telephone interviews.

## 3. Status on the action plan from meeting no. 2019.6

### Information from the Vice Chairman – teacher of the year

SNE will look at the process description and send it to CBM for approval. It is handled.

SNE will send the name of the person or group that wins the prize to the secretariat. September meeting: The student chose to reject the present, so he will pass it on to another member of his group. **Remain in the action plan.**

### Course / project grade statistics

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040919: CBM will soon meet with NOVE to discuss status on all MTSB SEAPs, and this topic will also be addressed there. **Remains in the action plan.**

### Coordinator list, fall 2019

AMR will update the list for fall 2019 and place it on the new webpage. It is placed on sict.aau.dk for now. **To be removed from the action plan.**

## 4. Study plan revision

- **Medialogy B.Sc. and Medialogy M.Sc.**
- **Sound and Music Computing MSc. AAL**
- **Sound and Music Computing MSc. CPH**
- **Service System Design MSc.**
- **Lighting Design MSc.**

CBM informed that we will have two programs of the master in Sound and Music Computing (AAL and CPH, respectively) from 2020. Focus is now on the AAL version that has changed somewhat compared to the former version. See the attachment to this topic. It was not possible to meet the program responsible at this meeting. We hope it will be possible at the next meeting. 5 of the courses will be together with CPH, 2 with electronic systems and some with Medialogy. Both programs will be Cand. Polyt. (Civilingeniør), and students with a B.Sc. in Medialogy will be admitted without special requirements. We had a debate about the course "Modelling of Physical Systems", as MTSB was uncertain whether – is it the ordinary version of the course (for MED), or whether it is the new version designed specifically for SMC students (the version which is currently



running in CPH). It will be discussed in the revision meeting. The final study plan will hopefully be ready to be approved at the next meeting.

MK: Competence profile – reproduction systems seems a bit odd. CBM will convey this to the program responsible.

Medialogy revisions:

A VC meeting was held September 3 in AAL with the research group leaders from both AAL and CPH. It was decided not to make any major changes to the B.Sc. study plan for Medialogy. However, the logistic challenges with too many elective courses in 6<sup>th</sup> semester will get some focus. The goals for the revision will include focus on drop-out, employability and major differences in grade statistics for courses compared to projects.

The group agreed that focus should be on revising the current M.Sc. study plan for Medialogy. This work will take place over the fall of 2019 and spring of 2020.

The specialization politics (restrictions regarding specializations in study plans) have been withdrawn and will not have any impact on this ongoing work.

**Topic for the next meeting:** AMR will remember to add the topic in the agenda.

## 5. Examination formats

For each module the lecturer (ultimately actually the Study Board, but in reality the responsible(s) for each education) must specify, which exam format should be used in the course. It is possible to choose among the possibilities that are shown in the attached document. It is of course part of the revision work of the study plans.

The document needs to be translated to English.

170919: CBM looked into this and no such translation is planned. It is up to study boards themselves, if they wish to do so).

CBM went through the different possibilities. It is important that the staff are aware of which type that needs to be in use, as it will be implemented in the study plan for the next years.

## 6. Progressive PBL learning goals

CBM informed about the PBL learning goals. It is important that we are very explicit about them. The yellow marked text in the attachment shows the new text. This is a start but could easily be expanded. However, it has also been a challenge that the PBL “framework agreement” has been under revision at the same time as this. The study board was presented this suggestion and we had a debate about it. JRBP and CBM will continue the work and implement the text to the study plans.

## 7. Self-evaluation action plan

- **Medialogy B.Sc. and Medialogy M.Sc.**
- **Sound and Music Computing M.Sc.**
- **Service Systems Design M.Sc.**
- **Lighting Design M.Sc. (encl.)**

No news to this topic.

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## **8. Drop out figures 1<sup>st</sup> year, B.Sc. Medialogy**

CBM informed that this topic has arisen on the basis on a topic from the last meeting. Statistics regarding first year B.Sc. MED dropout have shown, that the 2018 cohort had a significantly lower dropout rate, as compared to previous cohort's years. The attached document presents the respective coordinator's views on how to explain this difference. The conclusion is that there are no really identifiable explanations or important experiences to draw at this point, but the following observations represent the gist:

Comments:

- The students are better dressed for understanding the content in the study
- "Parathedstjekkeren"
- Grade point average from High School
- Good mood among the students, particularly in this semester
- Higher level, better attitude and perhaps a more visible coordinator compared to the previous years

Another comment was the admission requirements are further sharpened with Math B from 2020. We had a debate about exam language at the project exams. Is it possible for Danish speaking students with a Danish speaking supervisor and censor to be examined in Danish language despite the project report is written in English? JBRP would like to investigate this.

**Action:** JBRP will ask CBM and NOVE about the examination language at project exams in 1st year Medialogy bachelor program.

## **9. Sustainable development goals and project proposals**

The abbreviation for Sustainable development goals is SDG. SNE informed us about this project. There has been an Aalborg centric arrangement with focus on SDG. Projects were provided from CS students, EI students and MED students. Supervisors were also invited. The project were started a bit too late. Bachelor students can work with large projects and master students are more capable to look into more complex topics.

Attached we can find project proposals related to SDG. They lack some finish regarding the timetable. We had a debate regarding student projects and SDG relations in almost all projects. A supervisor's job is to think about society and environment, so the SDG part might be invisible but already there. We expect to have more meetings regarding this in the future.

## **10. Selfie**

Successfully carried out with help from a secretary in the department.

## **11. Any other business**

Nothing



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**Topics/actions to the next meeting agenda:**

**Study plan revision**

**Self-evaluation action plan**