Minutes

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Observer:
Cancellations:

Agenda

1. Approval of agenda
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Minutes

Ad. 1. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved.

Ad. 2. Approval of minutes from meeting in June 2021

The minutes are approved.

Ad. 3. Curriculum for Master’s programme in Cyber Security and Privacy

Reza Tadayoni and Jens Myrup Pedersen were participating in the meeting under this item. First, RT has presented the proposed changes to the curriculum and afterwards RT and JMP have answered the clarifying questions from the Study Board.

Master in Informatics and Communication Technology has not attracted students over several past years, even though previously there was 10-20 students registered to the program. During the self-evaluation process that took place last year, there was concluded to make the focus of the program more sharp, by removing 2 specializations and focusing only on one of them, namely on Cyber Security. This will allow to use the experience gained from involvement in master programs under IT Vest. Potentially synergy can be achieved with Cyber
Security master program by developing and reusing online and lab elements and components of teaching modules. The Mimic program should have 12 students per trimester to be economically viable to run.

The organization of the program will stay the same, where the modules are divided into 3 trimesters. For the master thesis the students would be able to choose among one of the three themes, which will allow to do projects within different areas of security and privacy. The organization of the last trimester has raised several questions from the members of the Study Board. The following discussion has clarified the principles of such trimester organization and good argumentation has been presented to keep the elective courses (it is easier for students to have several modules during a semester and not one long project, as it is easier to take the modules in chunks; elective courses would support the project theme, however there is no bindings between a course and a project theme and courses with different themes can be chosen as elective.)

The Study Board has approved the proposed changes.

Ad. 4. Changes to curriculum for Engineering Psychology

Several courses in PDP curriculum are owned by other Study Boards. During revisions some of these courses has been modified or removed, which leaves us with a task of finding/proposing other modules for substitution. For the coming semester this affects a single programming course on PDP1 and 3 elective courses on PDP5. Several alternatives for substitution of a programming course have been discussed. Additionally, TBM has pointed out that that the curriculum revision of Medialogy bachelor program has been rolled out, but for Fall 2021 semester MED5 is still running under the old study regulations and it gives a possibility to continue for PDP to join MED5 courses. TKM will bring the received feedback to PDP education group and awaits their final proposal for changes.

Ad. 5. Semester Description

This semester (Fall 2021) we are following the new procedure for collecting the semester descriptions: they are placed under the relevant modules moodle pages and this gives the teachers as easy access to them and easy way of editing. At the same time the students have an easy access to the module descriptions, and they know where the descriptions can be found (it is logical to have them in the same place where all course information is, that is, on moodle pages). TKM got positive feedback from many colleagues about the procedure change. The majority of semester descriptions documents are filled in. TKM asks the coordinators to check for the missing ones and encourage the responsible persons to provide them. Information about the missing documents will be reported to the study leader after October 1. The copy of the descriptions will be taken on October 1 and archived at WorkZone. It is a copy from October 1 that is effective and is legally binding.

The Study Board (TKM) will do a selective check on the descriptions during the next 2 weeks. The Study Bard approves the submitted descriptions.

The Study Board will select several descriptions that could be distributed as good examples for next semester. Action point (all members): send to TKM descriptions, if observed that they are good and could be used as a good example

Ad 6. Messages

Revision status

New suggested titles are approved by the dean.

The working groups have a module overview prepared.
During next Study Board meeting in September the chairmen of the working groups will present the curriculum changes and the updated curriculum is expected to be ready for approval. Given that we will have to consider the revision of 5 programs during one day, TKM suggested to start the reviewing process already now. TKM has presented the drafts of the revised module overview for 4 programs in Aalborg and it has been agreed that the comments can be sent to TKM latest on Aug 26, where TKM will forward them to the working groups. It has been agreed that the members of the Study Board will discuss the available drafts with their colleagues and co-students and collect their comments as well.

**Ad. 7. AOB**

None