



2. SEPTEMBER 2024

MINUTES

Forum Study Board of Sociology

Meeting held 02.09.2024

Location Room 16.2.55

Minutes taker Troels Baagland

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Present

Board members: Lasse Suonperä Liebst, Jonas Toubøl, Mengni Chen

Alternates: Askil Brandt Broegaard Ryan, Pia Cecilie Enevoldsen,

Guests

Merlin Schaeffer, Jens Roesdahl Lange, Nina Stenvang Holmsgaard, Asmus Oliver
Lewis

Absent,

Signe Staun Kelly, Hanne Kraak, Anemone Frederikke de M Dalsgaard, Mira
Chatterji Rosen Sørensen,

Agenda – open meeting

1) Approval of minutes/agenda /Lasse

The agenda was approved.

The minutes was approved, but aligned with the time schedule, which means SIDE 2 AF 4 that some of the items would be postponed due to time constraints

The minutes from 25. June approved.

2) Course Evaluation/Merlin (10:10-10:45/35 min)

Generally, the ratings of the courses have been good. Three of the courses taught in the spring 2024, have got an A, and the rest obtained B. None got C-ratings.

Also, the Evaluation frequency has been high. 58.1 per cent of the students have evaluated the courses, which is above both the faculty average (43.1 per cent), and the faculty's target (50 per cent).

Overall, the study boards conversations highlighted areas for improvement, including course structure, relevance, workload, and coherence. Suggestions were also made to make some courses electives and/or to better integrate course content with students' learning needs.

Within the limited time allocated to the item, the study board managed to deal with the following courses:

- Critical Reading and Re-analysis. It was considered to make it an elective
- Knowledge, Organization and Politics.
- Recent Advanced quantitative research strategies. The course had some issues with relevance and connection between parts. Improvements were suggested for better integration.
- Applied Case Analysis The course faced structural problems and a high workload. Suggestions included moving it to a different semester and linking it more closely to sociology.
- Sociology of Gender and Sexuality: The course title was seen as misleading, focusing more on heterogeneity. More detailed notes on PowerPoints were suggested.

- Sociological Theory and Developments: The course was intense but generally well-received. A clearer framework for comparison and relevance was suggested.
- Gender, Ethnicity, and Post-colonialism: It was suggested to reduce the number of readings and focus on the most important texts.
- Critical Theory: Capitalism, Democracy, and Intersectionality: Students found it hard to form groups. More support for group formation was therefore suggested.
- Basic Statistics: The course had minor issues and had significantly improved compared to previous evaluations.
- Experimental Sociology: Peer feedback was not well-received, but anyway the course was the 4th best evaluated course offered at Sociology.
- Sociological Theory and History: The course had a lot of readings and was challenging but also well-structured.
- Science and Society: Good Scientific Praxis in the 21 centuries.

Due to time constraints the remaining evaluation results were postponed to the next study board meeting.

3) Course Evaluation questions – Study Board questions for the coming year

The Study Board decided to continue with the current set of evaluation questions.

4) Default period for evaluation

Item postponed to the next study board meeting

5) Methods Courses at the first semester

Item postponed to the next study board meeting

6) Exam Form – Written paper/Merlin (11.15-11.25 /10 min.)

Item postponed to the next study board meeting

7) Comparison of the dropout rate – Quota 1 vs Quota 2 /Merlin (11.25-

Item postponed to the next study board meeting

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8) Appointment of Quota 2 Admission Committee members /Merlin

(11.30-11.35 /5 min.)

Sidsel and Jesper will step in as VIP members of the Quota 2 Committee.

The students will find representatives via Fagrådet during the autumn.

Nina told about the procedure last year, where 90 applications were processed. Each student representative teamed up with a staff-member – it's a team effort to find the best applicants.

9) Program Report/Merlin (11:35-11:45 min.)

Item postponed to the next study board meeting

10) Study Start /Merlin (11.45-11.50 /5 min.)

Item postponed to the next study board meeting

11) News from head of studies

Item postponed to the next study board meeting

12) News from Chair of the Study Board? /Lasse

Item postponed to the next study board meeting

13) News from the Student Services /Nina

Nina informed that out of the 77 students admitted for the MA, 24 turned up for the study start days. The feedback was that it went well.

The low attendance number was discussed. It was anticipated that many of the students coming directly from the BA in Sociology didn't prioritize the study start days, since they already know how things work here.

Nina said that due to lack of resources, the Study Advisory will only have one booking session per week during the Autumn semester

14) News from the student representatives

Item postponed to the next study board meeting

15) Any other – business

It was agreed that the next Study Board meeting will be held 30 September 10-12.