



# Minutes to Programme Committee for Master Program in Biomedical Sciences meeting (III)

**Time:** 29 August 2025, 12:30 – 14:30

**Place:** Seminary room 5A132B, 5 floor, BBB

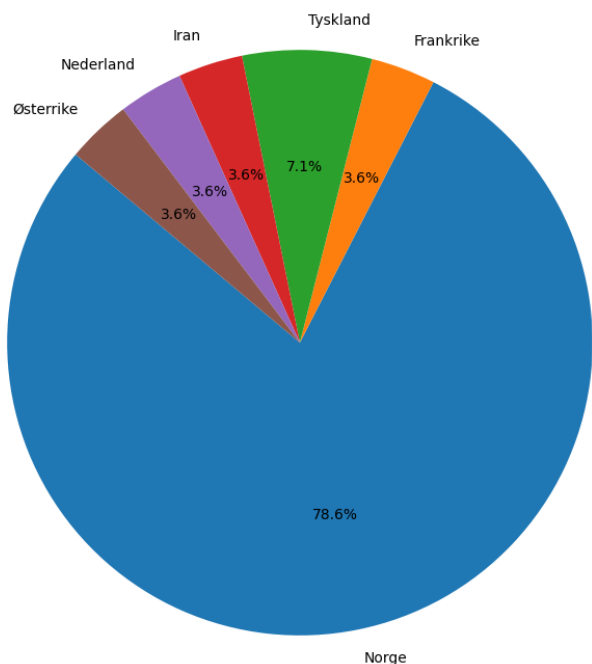
Attendees:

Mathias Ziegler, Stian Knappskog (Teams), Karianne Fjeld, Inari Kursula, Henriette Aksnes, Frode Berven (Teams), Ingvild Olerud.

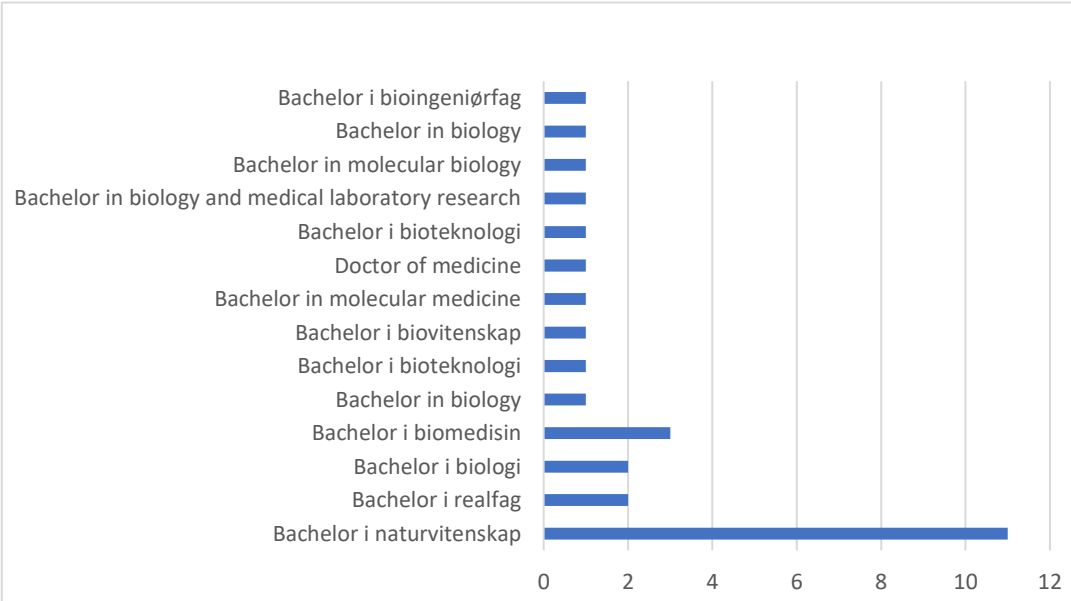
Administrative coordinator: Toma Christako

## Agenda

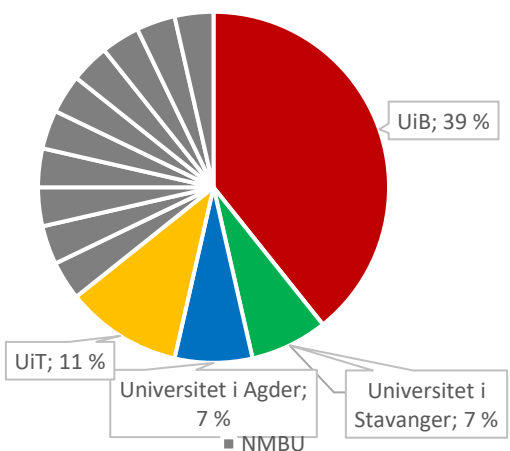
<b>Comments on meeting invitation and Minutes from the last meeting</b>	
For last Minutes see attachment 1	
<i>No comments</i>	
<b>Please welcome the new member</b>	
9/25	<b>Review of Master's Thesis (BMED395) Guidelines</b>  Please review the guidelines and either send your suggestions or bring them up at the meeting. Clearer guidance for the master's thesis will help ensure consistency across submissions.  Attachment 2
<b>Orientations</b>	
1	<b>Admissions for Fall 2025</b>  Accepted 28 students. Students by Country: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Norway: 22 students</li><li>• Germany: 2 students</li><li>• France: 1 student</li><li>• Iran: 1 student</li><li>• Netherlands: 1 student</li><li>• Austria: 1 student</li></ul>



Students background (bachelor programs):





	<p>Universities:</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Nord universitet</li> <li>■ Universitet i Oslo</li> <li>■ All saints university School of medisin</li> <li>■ Inholland University of Applied Sciences</li> <li>■ University of Vienna</li> <li>■ NMBU</li> <li>■ Universitat Ulm</li> <li>■ NTNU</li> <li>■ Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz</li> <li>■ HVL</li> </ul>
2	<p><b>Student feedback spring questionnaire</b></p> <p>Short report from Master students in Biomedical Sciences, Spring 2025:</p> <p><b>Student Overview</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First-year students: 6 responses (32%)</li> <li>• Second-year students: 6 responses (35%)</li> </ul> <p><b>Overall Experience Ratings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>First-year students:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good: 3</li> <li>• Average: 2</li> <li>• Excellent: 1</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Second-year students:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Average: 3</li> <li>• Good: 2</li> <li>• Excellent: 1</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Suggestions for Improvement</b></p> <p><b>First-year students:</b></p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce mandatory attendance, especially for students with heavy course loads.</li> <li>• Improve the welcoming experience for new students and introduce a graduation ceremony.</li> <li>• Strengthen connections to industry through talks, CV workshops, and career guidance.</li> <li>• Spread out course schedules and exams to reduce stress and improve learning.</li> <li>• Offer more practical programming options beyond the first semester.</li> </ul> <p><b>Second-year students:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide clearer information about career paths beyond PhD, and improve administrative support.</li> <li>• Include more lab-based courses.</li> <li>• Improve supervisor selection and training; avoid conflicts of interest in evaluation.</li> <li>• Introduce an official graduation ceremony.</li> <li>• Offer tailored career advice specific to biomedical sciences.</li> <li>• Ensure better follow-up and support during the master project.</li> </ul> <p>For more details please see attachment 3</p> <p>---</p> <p><i>For higher response suggested to give questionnaire in the master lunch (paper), also ask what questions students are interested in being asked.</i></p>
3	<p><b>Invitation to participate in seminar «Nytinking i moderne undervisning»</b></p> <p>You are invited to the Faculty's Teaching Seminar 2025, which will be held in the auditorium at Armauer Hansens hus.</p> <p>Theme: «Nytinking i moderne undervisning»</p> <p>The program and registration (deadline: September 12) can be found here: <a href="#">Nytinking i moderne undervisning, undervisningsseminar for Det medisinske fakultet   Det medisinske fakultet   UiB</a></p>
<b>From the students</b>	
1	<p><b>Graduation Ceremony for Master's Students – Spring 2026</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set a date and establish a ceremony committee.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider involving first-year students in planning the graduation ceremony for second-year students.</li><li>• Encourage students to reflect on the program and suggest who they would like to invite—especially if they wish someone to give a speech.</li><li>• The master coordinator can assist with finding a suitable venue, and the department may provide cake, coffee, and roses to mark the occasion.</li></ul> <p>---</p> <p><i>The will be general meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> October that Nucleus organizes. There will be voting day for Graduation ceremony, it will be June 4 or 5<sup>th</sup>.</i></p> <p><i>In the same meeting a committee will be created for ceremony of first years of maximum 5 people, who will plan the ceremony in collaboration with administration.</i></p>
<b>Next meeting</b>  November 7th	