



**Minutes from the meeting in  
Programme Committee for Global Health  
Friday 1 April 2019 at 2.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.**

**Attendees:** Karen Marie Moland (Head of Programme Committee/SDG303); Bente Moen (Head of CIH, INTH301); Tehmina Mustafa (INTH330A); Sven Gudmund Hinderaker (Head of Admissions Committee); Kirsti Nordstrand (administration, Subject 12/19- Digital literature lists); student representatives: Katja Isaksen, Pierina Benavente Velando and Olawale Adeosun

**Secretary:** Linda Karin Forshaw

**I Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**II Approval of the Minutes from the Programme Committee meeting on 18 February 2019**

The minutes were approved.

**III Matters arising from the minutes**

One remark; the spring course Qualitative methods (INTH323E/INTH323O) will be moved from January to February and will then coincide with the other methodology course, which means that the programme encourages specialization in either quantitative or qualitative research methods and discourages using both or using a mixed methods design.

**Subject 9/19 Matters of information**

***Admission to Master's programme in Global Health, autumn 2019***

*Self-financing International applicants:* The Admission Committee decided to offer 49 applicants admission, but have estimated that about a third will accept. They will receive admission letter later this month.

*EU applicants:* The Admission Committee decided to offer 2 applicants admission. They will receive admission letter later this month.

*Self-financing Norwegian applicants:* The application deadline for Norwegian applicants (or international applicants with a valid residence permit in Norway and a Norwegian ID number) is 15 April. So far, we have received 104 applications.

**Studentbarometeret**

Students were invited to take part in a Student Survey called *Studentbarometeret*, which NOKUT (the Norwegian Agency for Quality Assurance in Education) sends out annually. The response rate for the Master programme in Global health was eight students. The results were below average of other programmes within health, welfare and sport ([see the results](#)).

The secretary will find out more about how this was distributed to the students and whether the information was in English. We will come back to details at the next meeting.

#### **Subject 10/19    Reorganization of Research seminars**

The Committee has previously decided to reorganize the Research seminars (INTH326) and appointed PhD candidate Marte Haaland to make a plan for follow-up of students after fieldwork. A first draft of the plan for autumn 2019 has been submitted to the Committee. All the supervisors must be informed about their expected part in terms of supporting their students in preparing their drafts/presentations.

It was pointed out the peer review is very valuable; one could have student opponents. Some of the students are not back from fieldwork before November due to delayed start due to renewal of their Visas, which expire in August. The secretary will contact the authorities and ask if it is possible to apply earlier.

**Decision:** The Committee thought the suggested plan was very good both in terms of social and academic support and hence in terms of progress, but suggests that the seminars start later than 9 October, e.g. mid. November and extend to February. Otherwise the content of the plan for student follow-up at the Research seminars was approved.

#### **Subject 11/19    Student progression**

An overview of the progress of the students of year 2017 – 2019 was presented to the Committee.

**Decision:** The head and secretary of the Committee contact the students' supervisors to find out if there are any unexpected delays and report back to the Committee.

#### **Subject 12/19    Digital literature lists**

Kirsti Nordstrand, who is the coordinator for Student Affairs at IGS, introduced Leganto (moved ahead as first subject), which is a system for digital literature lists.

**Decision:** The head and secretary of the Committee will send information about this to all the course coordinators, as well as all the academic staff at CIH and urge them to start using Leganto. Pernille Lothe from the University library will have a Leganto workshop for the academic staff 11 April. Bente Moen will send information regarding this to the academic staff.

#### **Subject 13/19    Report from the student representatives**

**Facebook:** Student representative Pierina Benavente Velando has set up a Facebook page for information sharing amongst master students at CIH. All

the student representatives and Linda Forshaw at the administration should have access to administer this page.

**INTH356:** Regarding the course *Observational epidemiology* – many of the master students found the first week confusing, while the tropEd students were of a different opinion, however they thought the second and third week were more informative. Most of the students found the exam confusing. Most of the students have completed the Student survey, this should be followed-up at the next Programme Committee meeting 27 May.

**Subject 14/19    Any other business**

Hallgeir Kismul, the main supervisor of master student Soni Shrestha, has left his position at the University of Bergen. The head should contact co-supervisor Oscar Tranvåg regarding stepping up as her main supervisor for the remaining time.

The Committee suggests that information regarding extensions is posted on the CIH webpages.