



**Minutes from the meeting in
Programme Committee for Global Health
Monday 2 September 2019 at 2.30 p.m. – 4.15 p.m.**

Attendees: Karen Marie Moland; Thorkild Tylleskär; Bente Moen, Sven Gudmund Hinderaker; student representatives: Kala Chand Debnath and Celine Holm Karlsen

Secretary: Linda Karin Forshaw

I Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

II Approval of the Minutes from the Programme Committee meeting on 27 May 2019

The minutes were approved.

III Matters arising from the minutes

The head brought up two subjects as a reminder to the Committee; 1) A graduation ceremony will be organized in June 2020; 2) Students who have to apply to UDI for renewal of their Student Visas can start the procedures well in advance, this information should be posted on CIH website.

Subject 16/19 Matters of information

Admission to Master's programme in Global Health

Self-financing International applicants: The Admission Committee decided to offer admission to 48 applicants, whereof 15 commenced their Master's studies this autumn.

EU applicants: The Admission Committee decided to offer 2 applicants admission, but none met up.

Self-financing Norwegian applicants: 20 persons were offered admission, whereof 14 commenced. One person has been granted one-year deferral due to pregnancy.

Additionally, two students who were granted one-year deferral last year commenced.

Elective courses, Nordic network

Information about a survey to map interest for elective courses in the Nordic network.

New student representatives

The new student representatives are Kala Chand Debnath and Celine Holm Karlsen.

Subject 17/19 Elective course portfolio

Decision: The Committee decided to discontinue the courses *War, violence, peace and health* (INTH340) and *The HIV pandemic: Research challenges to improve prevention, support and care* (INTH329). The secretary will request that the Faculty of Medicine discontinue the two courses. There are two MOOC in Medical Peace work offered; [Global Health, Conflict and Violence](#) and [Addressing Violence Through Patient Care](#), these should be on the list of courses presented on CIH's website.

Subject 18/19 New version of elective course

The course coordinator Karen Marie Moland and co-workers wish to make a third version of the elective course *Qualitative Research Methods for Global Public Health*. They wish to make a version with blended learning, which will be offered to Master students at UiB and students at University of Zambia.

Decision: The Committee approved the new blended learning version of the elective course *Qualitative Research Methods for Global Public Health*.

Subject 19/19 Schedule for elective courses, spring 2020

The schedule for the spring courses has to be announced on the tropEd webpages asap. In addition, the deadline for registering everything FS (UiB student database) is 1 October.

Decision: The Committee agreed on a tentative schedule, the secretary will contact the course coordinators to make the final adjustments.

Subject 20/19 Internship and Master's project

The Committee discussed which types of Master's projects the students who choose an internship (30 ECTS) in combination with a 30 ECTS credit Master thesis can carry out. The primary aim of introducing this alternative was that the students would have more practical training and avoid carrying out projects which entail collection of data. A literature review study is the preferred type of Master's thesis, however another alternative is to work with existing data at CIH, or at other research units, or from the place where the students carry out their internship. The Committee does not wish to prohibit certain types of Master's projects, but if the students choose a project that involves data collection it will defeat the main purpose of the 30 ECTS Master's thesis.

Decision: The Committee decided specifying the above mentioned in the Thesis guidelines for the 30 ECTS credit Master's Thesis.

Subject 21/19 Global Health Case Challenge 2019, University of Copenhagen

Invitation to master student within the Nordic Network to the student competition *Global Health Case Challenge 2019* from 10 – 11 October. The Committee discussed whether the student can receive 1 ECTS credit for participation and if this should be offered to master students.

Decision: The Committee agreed to offer participation to 1st year master students, but due to the short deadline this was annulled.

Subject 22/19 Portfolio assessment

Thorkild Tylleskär, who is the main coordinator for SDG303 informed the Committee the following two assignments in addition to a four hour written exam are included in the portfolio assessment: 1) Regional trends in health; 2) Wikipedia article. The students will be given the opportunity to improve their assignments before submission to their portfolios.

The head will talk with Ingunn Engebretsen, who is the main coordinator of INTH315 to find out exactly what is included in the portfolio assessment for this course.

Subject 23/19 Schedule for Programme Committee meetings autumn 2019

Decision: The Committee agrees on a meeting 11 November in addition to the current meeting.

Subject 24/19 Report from the student representatives

- There is confusion among the student about the Reading list and compulsory course book is the only listed on the Reading list. The Committee agreed that a text book would never cover every topic, so the PowerPoint presentations, articles and other teaching material are also important, especially the SDG goals. It is up to the students to judge what is most important.
- The students request that the PowerPoint presentations are published before the lectures. The Committee stated that this varies from lecturer to lecturer, some make the presentations very late and are unable to meet the students' request, but others will do as requested.
- The students did not know where to search for relevant literature, *Pubmed* was recommended. They will learn more about this later.

Subject 25/19 Any other business

The Committee came up with various alternatives internship possibilities for the Master students:

- *WHO* (including regional offices): application period for internships from July to December 2020, 10 January to 25 February 2020
- *Doctors for Africa*, Bente Moen will follow this up.
- *Community Based Health Systems in Guatemala*, Ana Lorena Ruano will follow this up.
- *UNICEF*
- *International Office, Haukeland University Hospital*, Karen Marie Moland will follow this up.

These internship opportunities should be announced to the master students.