



Committee for Master Program in Biomedical Sciences minutes

Time: 20th August 2024, 14:00 – 16:00

Place: Seminarrom 5A132B, 5 floor, BBB

Attendees:

Members: Mathias Ziegler, Camilla Krakstad, Karl Johan Tronstad, Karianne Fjeld, Sebastian Gonzalez Rodriguez.

Agenda

1	Comments on meeting invitation <i>No comment</i>
2	Minutes from the last meeting Attachment 1 --- <i>No comment</i>
3	Censor Report Please see Attachment 2 (from 2024) and 3 (from 2022). --- <i>Addressing topic to have more clinical focus in the programme:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Approved new elective course for spring semester (HUIMM320)</i>- <i>Further developing the concept of a lecture course (“Topical medical challenges”) during this year</i>
4	Required approval for course HUIMM320 HUIMM320 course is suggested to include in the pre-approved elective courses for master students in the spring semester. For more information see Attachment 5 ---



	<i>Approved</i>
5	<p>BMED380 mandatory attendance in the first semester</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• course is not visible to students (is not in mittuib)• students cannot register to it since it is elective spring course,• to be visible it should be added to the study plan, but then it should be made as two separate courses;<ul style="list-style-type: none">1)elective (BMED380B) and2)mandatory (BMED380A). <p>It could be confusing for students?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The faculty views negatively the course that has no credits, which is not motivating for students. <p>---</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The students are aware that the lectures are mandatory.</i>• <i>Master coordinator sends a reminder the day before (reminding that it is mandatory to attend). In case the students miss lectures without severe reason, they fail this course and thereby cannot complete the Masters. However, they have the chance to attend in the following Spring semester (without getting credits for BMED380).</i>• <i>For next year, we will try to solve the technical issues. We have two options: 1) Make it simply part of BM320 or 2) Give 1 ECTS for the attendance.</i>
6	<p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>For BMED320, committee wish to award lab supervisors (PhDs, postdocs) of internship students with a certificate, attesting their teaching effort.</i> <p><i>Toma will make a draft.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>We need to set up a proper plan for how to spend the funds we have received. One suggestion is to buy software (such as BioRender) licenses.</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Waiting for a reply from Harald Barsnes what financial support Python part of the course requires</i>○ <i>Ongoing discussion with Inari Kursula about materials for the laboratory</i>○ <i>Challenges to find available laboratories late in semester</i>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>More info about our new students is desirable.</i>
7	<p>Orientations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New course BMED326 “Protein structure determination, validation, and analysis” is in the creation status Overview in attachment 4 or Protein structure determination, validation, and analysis University of Bergen (uib.no).• Changed admission requirements (Point 5) It was agreed by the faculty to keep the requirement of grade C 3.0 or better for the year 2024. For the coming years, it is unclear whether this is something the faculty board can decide, or if it must be sought higher up in the system in order to retain the requirement. Toma will be updated.• This year’s master programme for Biomedical sciences accepted 20 students
8	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Friday, November 8 at 12:30</p>