



Minutes –

Program board meeting for the Bachelor's program in Chinese

13.02.2020

Present: Guowen Shang (coordinator for Chinese studies), Shouhui Zhao, Tomas Hawkes (student representative), Karoline Aksnes (secretary).

Agenda:

- 1/20 Approval of notification of meeting and today's agenda**
No comments
- 2/20 Approval of minutes from the program board's last meeting (app. 1)**
No comments
- 3/20 Orientation:**
 - 1. New program censor/ external peer, where are we in this process?**
We have a new program sensor/ external peer in place, but we need to finalize the contract.
 - 2. Status of the proposed changes to EAS251.**
Potential changes to EAS251 were discussed at the program board meeting last semester, and the teaching staff will continue to work on this plan. Coordinator for Chinese studies explained that the suggested changes will be to reduce EAS251 from a 15 credit to a 10 credit course, and also introduce a new 5 credit course. The idea is to make EAS251 more compatible with EAS250. More planning remains as to the content of the two new and/or changed courses. Since the deadline for registering major changes is in the fall semester, the teaching staff still have some time to sketch out the particulars before the next deadline.
 - 3. Status of the planned Chongqing Spring Immersion Program**
Unfortunately the trip had to be cancelled this year due to the situation with the coronavirus. At the program board meeting we discussed whether it would be possible to organize it in the fall semester instead. In that case, it would be offered only to the students who already prepared for the original trip (and not to the new first-year students). The teaching staff will look into this possibility and see if it can be done.

At the program board meeting the teaching staff also voiced uncertainty about whether there will be a Spring Immersion Program next year. The organization of this trip is quite resource demanding, and with research semesters coming up, the teaching staff are not sure if they will be able to organize it next year.
 - 4. The department's communication with our exchange students in China regarding the situation with the coronavirus**
We have several exchange students who are experiencing that their spring semester in China has been delayed indeterminately due to the situation with the coronavirus. UiB is in contact with these students, and has offered assistance for



those students who wish to cancel their studies abroad and return to UiB as a consequence of the situation.

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KIN201 course description:

The program board decided to edit the English version of the course description of KIN201 so that both the Norwegian and the English version say 8 obligatory assignments.

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“Emne vurderinger” from 2019 (app. 2, 3, 4)

The program board had no comments on the “emne vurderinger” from 2019.

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Other

1. Do some of the 100-level courses in Chinese have too many students?

Many students who are not on the bachelor program in Chinese choose to take KIN-courses as elective credits. As a result, some 100-level courses in Chinese have a high number of students. The program board discussed whether or not this might be a problem. If we wish to reduce the number of students on the 100-level courses next year, one possible solution would be to not offer KIN-courses to students outside of UiB (i.e. to not include KIN-courses in the “enkeltemneopptak.”)