



Minutes from program board meeting for the Bachelor's program in Chinese 4.09.20

Present: Guowen Shang, Shouhui Zhao, Julia Marinaccio, Tomas Hawkes (student representative), and Karoline Aksnes (secretary)

Agenda:

- 12/20 Approval of notification of meeting and today's agenda**
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- 13/20 Approval of minutes from the program board's last meeting (*app. 1*)**
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- 14/20 Orientation:**
- 1. Welcome to our new addition to the staff, Julia Marinaccio (post doctor).**
 - 2. Formal commencement of new *ekstern fagfelle***
 - 3. Our experiences with digital courses**
Experience among the teachers and students so far indicate that overall, digital teaching is less ideal than classroom teaching. However, those courses where there are lectures, such as KIN100, works better in the digital format than those courses which are based on seminar teaching.
 - 4. Five-year course evaluation report due this year**
Guowen and Shouhui will work together to finish this evaluation report in the coming months.
 - 5. Status of future master application?**
The plan is to submit an application in spring 2021. The Chinese program is now waiting for the arrival of the new teacher to the Chinese program before finalizing the application.
- 15/20 Changes to EAS251 and the creation of a new course (KIN252?) (*app. 2 – deadlines and information about the process of making changes to the structure of the bachelor program*)**
The Chinese program has been looking into the possibility of altering the structure of EAS251 (see minutes from earlier program board meetings). After considering various options, the Chinese program has decided not to make this change after all. Instead, we will look at potential adjustments in the content of the course.
- 16/20 Thoughts and ideas for Julia Marinaccio's and the new associate professor's workload and courses**
The teaching staff in Chinese has made a plan for the division of teaching responsibilities in the coming semesters. Julia will be assigned to teach part of EAS251, and the new associate professor will teach Kin201.
- 17/20 Possible alterations in textbooks**
There has long been concerns about the contents and structures of the *Contemporary Chinese* textbooks, and the teachers have been surveying the Chinese-as-foreign-language textbooks on the market. From next semester on,



the students in KIN101 will start with new textbooks, *Integrated Chinese*, which are more modern and have more extra resources. The student representative agrees that a change to a more modern textbook with more digital resources would be positive.

18/20**Course description for KIN103**

Today the compulsory requirements are 6 written assignments, obtaining approval on a minimum of 4 assignments, and 6 oral exercises with a duration of approx. 5-10 minutes, on which the instructors will provide feedback. Since this is more demanding than our other courses, the program board decided to remove the specification of length (5-10 minutes) from the course description to open for shorter oral assignments.

19/20**Other**