



**Minutes from the meeting in
Programme Committee for Master's programmes at
Centre for International Health
Monday 5 September 2016 at 2.30 – 4.00 p.m.**

Attendees: Karen Marie Moland (Head of Committee), Amalie Kleppe (stud. repr.), Arooj Munir (stud. repr.) and Tehmina Mustafa

Secretary: Linda Karin Forshaw

I Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved. Since few members were present the minutes from this meeting will be circulated to the other members for comments and approval.

II Approval of the Minutes from the Programme Committee Meeting on 30 May 2016

The minutes were approved by the members present and will be circulated to the rest.

Matters emerging from the minutes: ‘

The application to NOKUT to become “A centre for Excellence in Education” (SFU) was rejected.

Subject 7/16 Matters of information

Two new student representatives have been appointed; Amalie Kleppe and Arooj Munir

The new Master of Global Health programme

The University Board made the final decision to establish the Master's Programme in Global Health at its meeting 2 June, however there was one reservation; the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry and Centre for International Health should in cooperation with the Division of Student Affairs (SA) make the necessary adjustments, clarifications and amplifications as described in the document relating to the case.

The Master's programme in Global Health will start up in August 2017.

Admission autumn 2016

Self-financing International applicants: The international admissions were finished in February; 14 applicants were offered admission to the Master's programme in International Health, however only 6 accepted, whereof 4 showed up.

Self-financing Norwegian applicants (or international applicants with a valid residence permit in Norway and a Norwegian ID number). Master's programme in International Health: 15 applicants were offered admission whereof 13 declined. 16 applicants were put on a waiting list; all of these were offered admission, but only 4 accepted. The final no. of students is 10 (two part-time); Master's programme in Oral Sciences 4 applicants were offered admission and they all accepted.

Master's and PhD courses

Follow-up from Subject 3/16. CIH will apply to the Faculty (via the Department board) to have three courses approved as PhD courses (level 900) as well as Master's courses (level 300); the first will have separate learning outcomes, additional literature, additional course requirements and a more demanding assessment. This applies to the courses: "Basic course in research tools and theory" (INTH301); "Qualitative methods for international public health" (INTH323D); "Observational epidemiology, survey, cohort and case control studies" (INTH356) and "Experimental epidemiology" (INTH321A).

tropEd re-accreditation of courses INTH325, INTH328A, INTH356 and INTH321A

The courses "Global TB epidemiology and intervention" (INTH328A), "Observational epidemiology, survey, cohort and case control studies" (INTH356) and "Experimental epidemiology" (INTH321A) have to be re-accredited at tropEd's General Assembly Meeting in Amsterdam in October. In addition INTH328A will be an online course in the future (Erasmus +) so the course description will have to undergo major revisions.

Subject 8/16 How to increase the number of students

In reference to the matters of information. After the discontinuation of the Quota programme the number of students that accept and actually show up has drastically declined.

Decision: The Committee suggests the following measures:

- To ask qualified and interesting candidates if they have applied for other programmes at UiB or other Universities
- The Admission Committee interviews the best candidates per telephone to make sure they will show up. Standard questions should be made.
- Follow up of the admissions during the summer vacation period (July); perhaps by a PhD candidate as part of his/her duty work.

Subject 9/16 New master course

In reference to the matters of information. A new PhD course called "Equity and fairness in health – an applied approach to ethics" (INTH950) has been approved by the Programme Committee for Research Education. The course coordinators will be Ole Frithjof Norheim and Bjarne Robberstad. A master version of the course should be established (INTH350).

The Committee thinks the course is very relevant for Global Health, it is planned to run in January, which is not ideal as it collides with the elective courses for medical students. The Committee suggests that all the other courses can be moved forward one month, leaving January vacant for these courses from spring 2018. INTH329 and INTH340 should alternate with each other so there is not an overload of courses every other year.

Decision: The Committee approved and requests that the Faculty establish the new master course.

Subject 10/16 Schedule for elective courses, spring 2017

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

Decision: The Committee agreed on the final schedule.

Subject 12/16 Revisions of the Master's programmes at the Department of Global Public Health and Primary Care (IGS)

The Master's programmes at IGS are under revision. Based on an evaluation done in 2015 a working group was established and has suggested establishing one common Master's programme at IGS in 2018 called Helse og Samfunn which will be taught in English and will have two tracks; one in epidemiology and one in health sciences. The Master at CIH – Global Health which is taught in Norwegian, is separate from this discussion. Berit Rokne is leading the work. As part of the track in health sciences the working group has suggested 6 elective courses, one of these is 'global helse' and collaboration with CIH is suggested.

The Committee discussed the suggested elective course in 'global helse' and has some reservations. The committee is questions the idea of having a global health course in Norwegian at the same department that offers a full master in global health in English. The two masters programmes may compete for Norwegian students who may prefer to do a global health course in Norwegian. Hence the committee fears that this will undermine the masters in Global Health which will start in 2017. This should be discussed properly at the next CIH staff meeting. Interaction between students is very important, mingling is crucial for the understanding of global health, it is very beneficial with students from different countries and backgrounds.

Decision: The Committee suggests that the suggested elective course in Global Health should be renamed to distinguish it from the masters in Global Health. Since migration will be one central topic, the title could for instance reflect this. Astrid Blystad who is the leader of education at the department and works both at Kalfaret and CIH will be invited to participate in the next Programme Committee meeting (31 October) to describe the plans for the new Master's and to discuss the possibilities of co-operation with our Global Health Master.

Subject 13/16 Any other business

The students are very anxious about selecting a Master's project/thesis. This is the first time students start their master studies without being assigned supervisors. The Committee suggest to arrange a meeting on a Wednesday in September at 1pm (normally set aside for student seminars) and invite the students and potential supervisors.

The next Programme Committee meeting will be 31 October 2016.