

Minutes, program committee Master for biomedical sciences 22.01.2020

Agenda:

- 1) Minutes from October 2019 for approval
 - 2) Presentation of new secretary for the Program Committee: Siri Tangen Aaserud
 - 3) CHI-NOR: «emnebeskrivelse» (in Norwegian) (attached)
A two-part subject is suggested with a total number of 10 credits. Part I: Two weeks in China in June, Part II: Two weeks in Bergen in August. Each part is 5 credits. Detailed (tentative) programs for both parts attached.
The program committee will discuss and if possible to approve the course and recommend that students participating get the credits suggested.
The students should receive an orientation as soon as possible
 - 4) BMED330: Request for including a minimum number of students to the course description. Formal request will be available at the meeting.
 - 5) BMED350: Report on current status
 - 6) Programsensor: Tasks for 2020
 - 7) Orientation: Evaluations of all programs at the Medical faculty are planned the coming years. The Masters programme of biomedicine should be evaluated in 2021. (Document attached)
 - 8) Orientation: Suggested changes in the ethics course for our students pending feedback from [Department of Global Public Health and Primary Care](#) who are responsible for the course
 - 9) Other
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- 1) Minutes from last meeting, no comments
 - 2) Siri Tangen Aaserud is the new secretary for the program committee. She has experience from the section for academic affairs, with administration and participation in laboratory courses.
 - 3) CHINOR: The subject is still being edited to avoid overlap with BMED370. A complete and detailed description of the subject is still not in place.

The Program Committee is positive to the subject and will recommend this to our students, and introduce them to the preliminary program at a master's lunch on February 3, but some issues need to be solved before a complete subject can be approved:

- There should be no overlap with BMED370. A complete description of the subject and contents need to be discussed in the next meeting for the committee.
- The students will receive 10 credits (studiepoeng) for completing the whole course (China in June and Bergen in August).
- Some disagreement in the committee if the subject can be an elective and included in the master degree, this will be discussed and decided at the next meeting. (date tba)
- The students should be informed in advance about UIB's policies for travelling with electronic equipment before going.
- Plans for future financing of the subject should be addressed and the committee needs to be informed about progress.
- Students signing up for the course will be expected to complete both modules (China and Bergen), and they will be informed about this.

- 4) BMED330: Responsible professor, Donald Gullberg argues that the subject description should state that a minimum of 10 students need to participate for the course to run.
Response from PU: 10 students is too high. This is a very important subject and should be available for interested students at the program. It is a popular course, and so far the number of students have exceeded 10. If fewer students sign up for the course in the future some adjustments of the teaching should be possible to accommodate a lower number.
- 5) BMED350: Linda Stuhr, responsible professor suggest startup later in the semester to make the subject available for a larger number of students. No other changes suggested.
- 6) Tasks for "Programsensor" 2020: Review BMED320 together with Inari Kursula. Look at feedback to students (should aim to give feedback in the semester, before final grades are assigned).

Could K1/K2 take students for mandatory practical work? Discussion if this is in the department of Biomedicine's best interest: Important to keep the students at the department, recruitment for master and PHDs.

- 7) Orientation of coming review of the Master's program in 2021
- 8) The ethics course HELVIT300 will be modified in 2020 to include a specific biomedical ethics part based on an online course from Karolinska Institutet combined with group assignments, discussions and a paper managed from IGS
- 9) PU is positive to guest lectures from Post Docs and other. Should be managed and administered by responsible professor in each subject, and be limited to a fixed number of lectures or other.

