

Minutes from the Biotechnology Dialogue Forum meeting 21 May 2024.

Present: Emilie Hjorth Ceylan, Samuel McEwen Walsh, Kasper Nicolaisen, Emma Brage Jensen, Justyna Anna Kowalczyk, Aleksandra Wiktoria Rzewuska, Emils Viksna, Thomas Sødning Gundersen Trebbien and Tomas Bech Madsen.

Absent: Simon Craige, Ariadna Perez Montero, Casper Blak Walther, Caue Semin Roehe and Balthazar Peter Hvolris.

1. Welcome and approval of the agenda

Emil welcomed all to the meeting after which the agenda was approved.

2. Announcements and orientation from the head of study and teachers

Emilie informed about the hiring of two new teachers. She mentioned that we still need one, and that in some fields it is a challenge to find available candidates.

Emilie has had a talk with the 4th and 6th semester about electives. There were different wishes, divided more or less 50/50 between an August course or a full-semester course. So the decision is to alternate the timing from year to year.

She added that there will be more dialogue about new electives, since we would like to have more.

Many students have asked about the possibilities to take a course at another institution. So the question is: Which (type of) courses / what kind of subjects are we going after and what can we approve? A procedure with deadlines will be decided on. Sam added that we will look into what is relevant for the students' education.

There had been a question about the next graduation, which will take place Friday the 31st January. The planning begins in the of June or in August.

Sam mentioned that everyone is busy with exams and planning next semester. He added that the students can always write to the teachers if they have any questions about the exams – preferably in good time before the exam.

3. Announcements and orientation from the students (2nd, 4th and 6th semesters)

Kasper mentioned the students' concern about the risk of exam cheating (online, ChatGPT). Emilie informed about how Absalon is looking very serious into it.

He added that the amount of cheating also has to do with how the students are placed in the exam room. The students didn't think doing exams with pen and paper was a good solution to the cheating problem but instead it was suggested to either white – or blacklist certain websites on the wifi, and to have more surveillance in the exam room.

The Dialogue Forum had a discussion about it. Emilie mentioned that the topic was also discussed at the Education Committee meeting, where representatives from the industry mentioned that cheating might occur in the study time, but that sooner or later cheaters will be found out. Emil will ask the chairman of the Education Committee – who comes from Novo Nordisk – if he could maybe make a video with information about how the industry look at cheating.

Sam said that the easiest way is to remove the computer from the exam room. And an anonymous box could be considered to be put up for the proposals and for information about cheating or other observed problems.

On another topic, Justyna mentioned that the exam plan in Wiseflow had come very late in this semester. Emilie answered that it is a problem to be early with the plan before we know how many students qualify for the exam.

But she promised to look into it next semester. She added that it is easier to take the later oral exams because we know what questions the earlier students got.

4. Any other business

There was none.