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| Summary of Semester Group Meeting for Medicine with industrial specialization, 3rd semester den 29. september 2023 |

**Participants: Simone Riis Porsborg (semesterkoordinator), Dorthe Skree (secretary)**

**Cancelled participation: Click to add if any of the permanent participants are unable to participate**

**Other participants: Participating students: There were students present from Biomedicine, Translational medicine and Medical Market Access.**

This summary was drafted by Sara Clement (student representative) and quality controlled by the semester secretary and semester coordinator to ensure that it meets HST standards.

**Ad 1. Starting the semester**

Starting the semester went well. It was easy to find the information that was needed before and during the semester start.

It was nice that there weren’t too many deadlines regarding sending the project template and so on. This allowed the students who had moved to get settled without too much concern about deadlines.

It was nice that the students were told about the moving of the laboratories at the semester start, this has allowed the students to prepare and plan, so it hopefully will not be too much of a problem.

* The semester coordinator told that they are trying not to move everything at once, but different stations at a time so that no laboratory function will be closed too long, but instead there will be a period where some functions are at the new SUND building and some are still at FRB3b.

**Ad 2 The physical, esthetic, digital and mental study environment of the semester**

Communication: Some students are not getting notifications per e-mail when information is given in the Teams channel for the semester. To get these e-mails it is necessary to be a member of the team, but the semester coordinator will check if the settings of the team are set correctly so everyone who is a member of the team will get the notifications.

It has been difficult to find places to work in the SUND building, where there is not too much disturbance since the students got their group e-mails late. This has been an inconvenience since the students haven’t been able to check if the group room has been booked or not. This could be considered for next year.

**Ad 3. Semester activities**

The main activity this semester is MedIS opportunities:

* The one-page descriptions the students need to write may only be one page. It is an exercise to take something complex and review it shortly.
* The students are to find their own opponent groups. The opponent group can be used to discuss ideas about the project or about how the project is proceeding. The opponent group will also prepare questions for each other for the presentations at MedIS opportunities.
* The presentations at MedIS opportunities are an exercise in presenting the projects to others. This type of presentation will also be held at the status seminar next semester. Thereby it is a way to prepare for the exam, so the students get practice in presenting their projects.
* If the students feel like they do not have enough time to get prepared for MedIS opportunities, and therefore consider not going, they are encouraged to spend less time preparing the presentations but still join the event to get the experience and practice of presenting their projects.
* Hopefully during MedIS opportunities some MedIS alumni will present about their workplace now and their journey to their workplace.

AAU Career will come to hold workshops about writing a CV, job application, and the process of looking for a job.

The semester coordinator is also trying to arrange a company visit form Novo Nordisk, where a previously BM student will talk about his career path.

Student request: It would be nice if it is possible to join on Teams/online when these company visits are being held, so the students who do not live in Aalborg have an opportunity to join the event. The semester coordinator will investigate this.

Reminder to the students that “et sundt match” takes place in March.

Student request: The MMA students would like a course in using Excel to make modulating (modellerer I Excel), since the companies use Excel for this and therefore the students and the companies see this as an ability/skill the students need, to cooperate with the companies. The MMA students have talked about this with the MMA coordinator, but now also here at this meeting to emphasize the need for this course.  
  
Student request: There may be an interest among the students to attend a “how to PhD” event.

**Ad 4. Preliminary evaluation of the project module**

Among the BM and TM students, the projects are proceeding nicely and the students who are cooperating with the research groups at AAU feel integrated and welcomed in the groups. Some of the students who are not at AAU have developed a skill/gotten insight into how planning of meetings can be more structured like scheduling time for each subject in the meeting.

The MMA students who are writing projects in cooperation with companies do not feel integrated, since the companies do not have a physical place where they can work and get integrated into the working environment (especially if the students have moved from Aalborg to get closer to the companies). Therefore they feel that it can be difficult to get the project to flow when the companies do not express the same need for integration as the students expected. The students expected more integration than a few meetings during the semester. Some of the MMA students have therefore chosen to work in the SUND building, which also creates an opportunity to meet the other MMA groups.

Proposal: the students who have moved to Copenhagen could meet for some social events.

Reminders/requests from the semester secretary:

* Please check whether or not the student cards function/work on the doors to the group rooms and the entrances, so the students still have access after the official closing time of the SUND building.
* The students who are writing a long Master Thesis are not to sign up in STADS yet. Only the students writing a 30 ECTS project now, and who will therefore be attending an exam in January, need to sign up in STADS now.
* The semester secretary cannot make the group e-mails before the groups are known and the group e-mails are not given at the very beginning of the semester.

Extra reminder:

* When biking to SUND park the bikes at the bike stands and not on the pavement outside building 12.