

The PECOS Programme Council meeting 21 November 2014

Dato: 17. desember 2014

Present:

Hilde Henriksen Waage (Chair), Kristian Berg Harpviken, Hanne Hagtvedt Vik, Håvard Strand, Anne Julie Semb, Mari Hidle Simonsen, Mackenzie Catherine Mertz, Siv Håberg (secretary).

Absent: Magne Olav Rønningen

Agenda:

Resolution items:

7/14 Removal of the motivation letter

- We have decided to postpone the decision to the next meeting regarding whether or not we shall keep the motivation letter. The question is: Do we need a motivation letter or another criteria apart from the grades in order to select the best students?

8/14 Removal of history before 1500 as a criteria for admission

- We have decided to remove the requirement to have history before 1500 in order to qualify for the master in PECOS.

Orientation items:



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9/14 Status report

Orientation by Håvard Strand concerning the periodic programme evaluation.

- The student's representatives called for information regarding the programme evaluation and were reminded by the Chair that this matter had been on the agenda in the previous Programme Council meeting, and was also referred to in the abstract on the PECOS programme website.
- Håvard has decided to give in for the students wish to select a student themselves for the external committee, even though it is common practice at UiO to appoint a member.
- The external committee will most likely consist of:
- Sunniva Eng, Bjørn Stensaker, Magnus Öberg. The student's member is not ready.
- Håvard has started writing the internal report
- The internal report will be given the external committee, and they will write their report during spring 2015

Discussion items:

10/14 Recruitment strategies

We want to attract talented exchange students to some of our classes and the best undergraduate students from UiO to apply for the PECOS programme.

- We believe we can promote PECOS4010, PECOS4110 and HIS4011 on our webpage better, and we would start organizing separated

information meetings for the different bachelors' programme at UiO.

11/14 Potential problems regarding the issue of a fee for international students

They have not yet decided upon budget proposal aims at introduce a fee for non EEC-students, with exemptions for third world exchange students. This raises some issues for PECOS.

- We have to make sure that introduction of tuition fees cannot in any way be retroactively

12/14 Date and time of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held in April 2015 and we will agree on the exact time and date later on.

Any other business:

13/14 Orientation from the student representatives concerning feedback was given, but was asked by the Chair to be given again if desired. It was pointed out that it had to be given written so that every member of the Pecos Council can form an opinion before the meeting.