



## **IMADA Teaching Committee in Data Science**

**Time and place:** 10 October 2023, 12:30-14:00, Pavillion 3, C4VDS Meeting Room

**Participants:** Stefan Jänicke (SJ), Birgit Debrabant (BD), Johanne Kirkmand (JK)

### **Topics**

1. Approval of the agenda
2. News from the Teaching Coordination Group
3. Results of Reference Group Meeting
4. MSc thesis event planning & responses
5. Study Evaluation
6. Any other business

### **1 Approval of the agenda**

- agenda approved
- BD takes notes, SJ consolidates minutes

### **2 News from the Teaching Coordination Group**

- News from Education committee: Discussion of use of ChatGPT
- Study board: election of students. Reasons for difficulties with election of students: students do not see participation as a benefit. Only one representative per institute. JK argues this would be very far from the students. IMADA student does not know all the courses, thus, cannot be a good "lawyer" for all degrees.
- We discuss formal "power" of the study board and whether/to which degree the board should/or can decide exam formats for courses - multiple choice exams are critically discussed.

- News from Teaching Coordination Group: Problem with supervision of company projects and theses - some faculty members deny supervision of theses because of missing links to their research.
- DS TC would like to have an overview of supervision teaching load for all colleagues

### 3 Results of Reference Group Meeting

- JK is reporting: Linear Algebra course is well appreciated
- DS812 needs introduction to R
- DS810 (Data driven Decision making) needs knowledge of R (co-taught with some business code, called "applied machine learning")
- students wish exercise classes from EBA courses
- no initiatives for setting up social events; JK offers help if students organize events
- talk about "loneliness"-issue: can the TC help making study groups?

### 4 MSc thesis event planning & responses

- Preparation of slides collecting projects ideas proposed by companies/supervisors
- limited feedback from academic supervisors
- approx. 7 speakers from 5 companies
- SJ and JK send reminders and revise slides

### 5 Study Evaluation

SJ reports on requirements for evaluation:

- contact from NAT: Lise Junker Nielsen
- each study program has to be evaluated each 6 years (means for us 2025)
- plan for DS: do it next year in February
- needs: two experts from other universities, two people from industry, one student from other university
- evaluation has no standard form, we ask for general feedback + responses to additional questions

- evaluators spend 3h to build their feedback and we have a 3h meeting
- meeting participants: 2 teachers from data science, 2 students, Finn, Lise, evaluators
- external reviewers get 3000DKK
- outcome: list of recommendations
- results: submitted to the teaching committee in data science

Decisions on evaluators:

- 2 from academia: SJ asks Steffen Koch (University of Stuttgart), BD asks colleague from Aalborg
- 1 student: SJ asks Pernille Matthews (PhD student at Aarhus) to contact a student that takes DS degree in Aarhus
- 2 from industry: SJ asks former DS student David Nhan Thien Nguyen (Nic. Christiansen Group) and Rikke Schak Toustrup-Jensen (bankdata)

## 6 Any other business

- Next meeting: 2 November, 12:30-14:00