

Copenhagen, 29th January 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

In a meeting on Tuesday, 30 October 2018, the Board of Directors of University College Copenhagen came to the final decision of gradually discontinuing the study programme Global Nutrition and Health.

In this statement, we will account for the reasoning behind the decision and the process of discontinuing the programme.

The programme has throughout the last 12 years successfully focused on global challenges within nutrition and health. The programme has qualified graduates to promote public health nutrition and food security through the implementation of comprehensive food and nutrition policies using communication, education and management strategies. Furthermore, the programme prepares graduates to work independently and in teams in multicultural and interdisciplinary contexts and in a variety of settings, both privately and publicly, to solve complex health challenges with citizens, communities and society at local, regional and global levels.

The reasoning behind the decision to discontinue the programme is based on obstacles concerning the relevance of the programme to the Danish labour market. In the context of the current government policies in this respect, we find that too many graduates are unable to find employment directly relating to their education. Furthermore the majority of the graduates leave Denmark to find employment in their homeland.

The board has decided to implement key elements from Global Nutrition and Health into University College Copenhagen Danish study programme Nutrition and Health in order to develop an international profile within that education. The decision of discontinuing Global Nutrition and Health is therefore solemnly based on the relevance of the programme to the Danish labour market and is not due to quality issues. We stand behind the quality programme, its enthusiastic staff and teachers and the many graduates who for more than a decade has devoted their professional life to global nutrition and health.

Yours sincerely,

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