

## Agenda – Science Faculty Council 2023 September 07th, kl.16:30 – kl.17:30

Attending: Samyuktha Rajan (Chair NFR), Robin Stoll (Math PhD student council), Bart van Baal (Astronomy PhD student council), Therese Sivertsson (Stockholm Resilience Center student representative), Melissa Barton (Stockholm Resilience Center PhD student council), Linnea Andersson (SCEG), Erik Schwarz (Physical Geography PhD student council), Hanna Dort (Zoology PhD Student Council, CDR), Ezra Eisbrenner (MISU PhD student council), Matilda Johansson (SUS ombud), Despoina Kouvousi (SCEG), Robert Dunst (IGV PhD student council), Angela Ceballos (DBB student council)

### 1. Opening of the meeting

- Samyuktha opened the meeting
- a. Round of presentation
- b. Election of chairperson  
Samyuktha was elected as chairperson
- c. Election of secretary  
Erik was elected as secretary
- d. Election of adjuster  
Hanna was elected as adjuster
- e. Approval of the agenda  
Nothing changed
- f. Approval of last meeting's minutes  
The minutes were approved
- g. Co adjungation  
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### 2. Introducing our new Ombud- Matilda Johansson!

Jenny Wiren no longer ombud responsible for NFR – following regular rotation of SUS ombudspersons now Matilda is the new ombud for NFR

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### 3. Reports from boards and committee and by-elections of NFR representatives

*Brief reports from those bodies which have convened since last meeting, and by-election of representatives*

a) SUS

Matilda reported:

New administrative website will be launched “SUS admin” – able to login to manage representation assignments, pay SUS membership fees, and apply for financial compensation  
Office for Natural Sciences needs student representatives for input to build new CIVIS master’s program – SCEG was approached by SUS to propose people to take the position; working language is Swedish

b) Central PhD-Council

Hanna reported:

Big news: salary discussions are ongoing. In response to the letter sent in the spring, CDR was contacted by SACO and told that PhD student salaries will be a priority in the salary negotiations. SACOs current goal is to fight for a salary increase that would have SU earn the same as doctoral students at comparable universities; adjusting wages to match inflation seems unrealistic at this time.

A follow-up letter was sent to SACO on behalf of NFR asking the union to clarify in negotiations that salary ladder increases should be time-based (clarifying the 50(80)%-requirement)  
There is no known timeline for when negotiations will be completed.

CDR will be meeting with SACO to discuss the ongoing salary negotiations further. The next CDR meeting will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September.

c) Area Board/Områdesnämnden

Meeting happening simultaneously to this meeting

d) Arbetsutskottet

Same representative for ON and AU

- e) Central student council  
Representatives were not present at the meeting, no updates uploaded. NFR will get in touch with our CSR representatives to see if they are still studying/plan to continue their representation assignment this semester. If not, elections for a new CSR representative will be held.
  
- f) Grundutbildningsberedningen  
Linnea reported: nothing to report from last meeting  
From last spring: SCEG reported problems of being able to fill all open representative position – no response on how to promote student representation  
Hanna added that many professors are not aware that student influence exists at SU and what it is there for – resulting also in students likely not knowing about SUS and that SUS could help in certain situations. Thus, it may be useful to reach out to educators and, e.g., host a discussion on student influence at SU and the resources SUS can provide their students. We may also wish to ask that lecturers advertise relevant councils to their students at the start of term.
  
- g) Department & Section Committees  
Hanna reported: SFS-DK (the doctoral committee of SFS, the national student union) is working on drafting its opinions for the upcoming discussions on the new Research Bill. DK is especially excited that the former chair of SFS-DK has been named to a board of experts that will be advising the Riksdag on this matter. Some specific issues that could potentially be focused on include internationalization, open science, division of funding, and workplace conditions.

All vacant positions for ordinary groups and committees are found at the NFR site at [sus.su.se \(https://sus.su.se/rad-och-natverk/nfr\)](https://sus.su.se/rad-och-natverk/nfr). The language requirement is also mentioned on this website.

Angela nominated herself as representative of Dept. of Biochemistry and Biophysics (DBB)

Angela was elected as representative of DBB at NFR

Angela was nominated as NFR representative to CSR

Angela was elected as NFR representative to CSR

#### **4. Joint discussion**

Samyuktha proposes to apply for SUS money to organize a joint social event for NFR

Matilda proposed movie night/ board games

Planned for roughly first weeks of October

Potential locations: Gröna Villan, Kårpuben – NFR will contact NF and get price estimates for Gröna Villan/discuss potentially having a joint social event

Melissa asked about ISPs and if there was any news on them becoming digital at an SU-wide level. No one had heard any recent news regarding the matter.

Hanna reported that on a national level (e.g., at SFS, SULF, potentially UKÄ) investigation of ISPs is a priority this year, as ISPs are a legal document meant to protect the PhD student. As a result, she expects all ISPs will eventually become more standardized and likely shift over to a digital platform. However, it is unclear how long this will take.

Erik asked on how focus issue of harassment at PhD level are followed up on

Matilda reported that this will be discussed at FUM (representative assembly of SUS) but FUM hasn't met yet.

#### **5. Split discussion:**

No split discussion was held



**1. Information from student councils**

**2. Information from PhD councils**

- a. What is going on with the timing of salary raise discussion?

See Hanna's report from CDR

**6. Other**

Nothing was brought up

**7. Summary of issues to discuss at next meeting**

Nothing was brought up

**8. Meeting closed**

**The meeting closed at 17:30**