



The Humanities Faculty Council (HFR)

2024-01-25, kl. 14:00 – [Zoom]

Attendees: Monica Truncyte (SUS), Jenny Wirén (SUS), Amanda Kann (PhD), Rebecca Borg (PhD), Christian Schwieter (PhD), Indre Nugaraite (PhD), Sofia Warkander (PhD), Tinna Valgeirsdóttir, Giada Birghi (PhD), Magnus Ahltop, Hermela Embaye, Magnus Hallén.

1. Call meeting to order

2. Meeting formalities

2.1. Appointment of chairman of meeting

Hermela Embaye is elected as chair

2.2. Appointment of secretary

Rebecca Borg elected the secretary

2.3. Appointment of attestant

Giada Brighi elected as attestant

2.4. Approval of previous meeting's minutes

Previous minutes are approved

2.5. Adoption of agenda

Agenda is approved

3. Reports

3.1. Information from SUS

- a. Jenny from SUS joins the meeting to present the different councils which will be up for election in February.
 - i. HFR: Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Cashier (English)
 - ii. Humanities Faculty Board: 2 students, 1 PhD representatives (Swedish)
 - iii. Academic Appointment Board: 2 Representatives (Swedish)
 - iv. The Budget Preparation Group: 3 Representatives (Swedish)
 - v. The Preparatory Working Group for Education and Quality, 1 student & 1 PHD representative (Swedish)
 - vi. The Board of Centre for Studies in Indo-European Languages and Culture: 2 PhD representatives (Swedish)
 - vii. Language Studio reference Group: 3 representatives (Swedish)
 - viii. The Scholarship Committee: 2 representatives (Swedish)
 - ix. Central Student Council: 2 student representatives (English)

- x. Central PhD student Council: 2 PhD representatives (English)
- b. Seminar/workshop for new student representatives on the 1st of February. Seminars available in both in Swedish and English. Event at Kårsalen from 16:00-18:00.

3.2. Information on any pertinent, relevant, or interesting emails received by HFR

- a. CSR / CDR annual meetings. 5th of March or 7th of March respectively. More information will be sent by SUS

3.3. Central PhD council (CDR)

- a. A review report from SU to UKÄ has been submitted. SUS' comments for the report have not been acknowledged. This will be discussed at the University Board.
- b. Lokalförsörjningsplan (facility optimization) is planning on installing sensors to monitor how spaces are used. However, the aim and consequences of this are still somewhat unclear.
- c. Social Science Faculty Council raises the question of why SU does not have database of the available PhD courses.
- d. CDR annual meeting scheduled for early March.
- e. SFSDK: Migrationsöverdomstolen has deemed the 18-month work requirement for PhD student as illegal, 12-month contracts should suffice.
- f. CDR reviewed and made comments on the SUS position document

3.4. Central Student council (CSR)

- a. No representative present.

3.5. Humanities Faculty Board

- a. No meeting yet, the first meeting will take place week 5.

3.6. Academic Appointment Board – Historical and Philosophical Subjects

- a. No representative present.

3.7. Academic Appointment Board – Language Science Subjects

- a. No meetings yet. The boards 3.6 & 3.7 merged from February.

3.8. Committee for Budgetary Management

- a. No representative present.

3.9. Language Studio Reference Group

- a. Representative has not been able to attend the meeting and is waiting to receive the minutes. The representative informs the council that Språkstudion has extended their opening hours. The next meeting is scheduled for April.

3.10. Board for Education and Quality (HUGO)

- a. No representative present.

3.11. Centre for Indo-European Languages and Cultural Studies

- a. No elected student representative.

4. Matters for discussion

4.1. PhD student group

- a. We raised the following points to include in the motion:

i. We should point out that other faculties (like the Natural sciences) has a e.g. a scholarship committee in English. Why are some faculties capable of this, but it is hindered by our faculty?

ii. We should refer the arguments in the motion to the language policy document on the SU website, that promotes parallel language use. The language policy also states that: “However, important documents such as regulations, education plans, course plans, minutes, and decisions should be translated to English and/or other languages when needed.”

b. We also shortly discussed the PhD ladder and what is required to move from 50 % to 80 %. The requirements seem to be quite variable across departments (but subject to change once SACO reviews this the next academic year).

4.2. Masters and Bachelor’s student group

a. The printers have not been working, this has been an issue for students (and faculty). Could there be an alternative way of printing as this has been an annoyance.

b. The study hall below Lantis has been closed down, and students are wondering what is going to happen with it.

c. Motion document comments

i. SUS wants more student representatives, it has been hard to fill positions. Making it possible for international students to attend the meetings, can provide valuable insight that might be otherwise overlooked.

ii. If the meeting language is changed to English could shift the student representation to mostly English-speakers.

iii. Exceptions on language policy have been made for professors; why isn’t the same applicable to student representation.

5. Matters for decision

5.1. Motion about meeting language

a. We will continue to work on the draft. Suggestions on additional points should be forwarded to Hermela, so that she can formulate a draft from HFR.

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6. Other matters

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7. Date for the next meeting

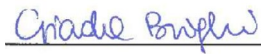
26/02/2024 at 15:00-17:00 at Kårsalen. Annual meeting.

8. Meeting adjourned

Meeting finished at 15:54



Secretary



Attestant
