

The Humanities Faculty Council (HFR)

2023-11-09, kl. 15:00 – [Zoom]

Attendees: Monika Truncyte (SUS), Amanda Kann (PhD), Jonas Axin, Giada Brighi (PhD), Magnus Ahltop, Fredrik Lundström (PhD), Rebecca Borg (PhD), Tesfaye Woubshet Ayele (PhD), Kai Nunez Wiklund, Hermela Embaye, Sofia Warkander (PhD), and Joséphine van Ingelandt.

1. Call meeting to order

Hermela Embaye called the meeting to order at 15:03.

2. Meeting formalities

2.1. Appointment of chairman of meeting

The council appointed Hermela Embaye as chairman of the meeting.

2.2. Appointment of secretary

The council appointed Amanda Kann as secretary of the meeting.

2.3. Appointment of attestant

The council appointed Jonas Axin as attestant of the meeting.

2.4. Approval of previous meeting's minutes

The council decided to postpone this point until the following meeting.

2.5. Adoption of agenda

The council decided to adopt the proposed agenda.

3. Information

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

Hermela Embaye presented the matter

The chair reported that the HFR inbox had not been accessible since the change of the SUS domain name, and there were therefore no matters to report.

3.2. Information from SUS

Monika Truncyte presented the matter

Faculty council representatives (those who are not PhD-students) can apply for reimbursement for each meeting through SUS Admin and a new application

period for project grants opens on November 11th and closes on December 15th. You can email studentombud@sus.se if you need help.

SUS has received complaints from some students about inappropriate behavior by exam invigilators during on-campus exams.

3.3. Central PhD council (CDR)

Rebecca Borg presented the matter

PhD students having issues with residency permits due to short contracts should contact their labor union. CDR has received reports about inappropriate ISP templates at some departments. The local rules and regulations document for PhD-level studies is now available in both Swedish and English. The negotiations surrounding PhD salary agreements have finished. CDR discussed the recent workplace optimization survey sent out to all SU staff, including concerns that survey responses may lead to overeager reduction of on-campus workplaces for PhD students.

The new rules and regulations document for 3rd cycle students is now available in both Swedish and English on the SU website.

The elections for posts are coming up.

3.4. Central Student council (CSR)

No representatives were present.

3.5. Humanities Faculty Board

As last meeting was cancelled, there was nothing new to report.

3.6. Academic Appointment Board – Historical and Philosophical Subjects

As last meeting was cancelled, there was nothing new to report.

3.7. Academic Appointment Board – Language Science Subjects

As no representative could attend the last meeting, there was nothing new to report.

3.8. Committee for Budgetary Management

The student representative reports that discussions about how well different institutions have performed economically over the last year.

3.9. Language Studio Reference Group

No representatives were present.

3.10. Board for Education and Quality (HUGO)

No representatives were present.

3.11. Centre for Indo-European Languages and Cultural Studies

No representatives were present.

4. Matters for discussion

4.1. PhD student group

The PhD student group discussed the issues raised by CDR (see point 3.3).

4.2. Master's and Bachelor's student group

The Master's and Bachelor's student group discussed the complaints of inappropriate behavior from exam invigilators (as reported from SUS, see point 3.2), as well as the unavailability of computer rooms on campus (and potential way for students to influence the issue).

5. Matters for decision

5.1. Humanities Faculty Board (HFN) – [Swedish, 1 PhD suppliant, 1 ordinary, 2 suppliants]

The council appointed Amanda Kann as a PhD suppliant.

No other nominations were received.

5.2. Board for Education and Quality (HUGO) – [Swedish, 1 ordinary, 2 suppliants]

No nominations were received.

5.3. Academic Appointment Board – Historical and Philosophical Subjects – [Swedish, 1 PhD suppliant]

No nominations were received.

5.4. Academic Appointment Board – Language Science Subjects – [Swedish, 1 suppliant]

No nominations were received.

5.5. Committee for Budgetary Management – [Swedish, 1 ordinary, 2 suppliant, 1 PhD suppliant]

No nominations were received.

5.6. Language Studio Reference Group [Swedish, 1 ordinary, 1 suppliant, 1 PhD suppliant]

No nominations were received.

5.7. Centre for Indo-European Languages and Cultural Studies [Swedish, 2 PhD ordinary]

No nominations were received.

5.8. The Scholarship Committee [Swedish, 1 suppliant, 1 PhD suppliant]

No nominations were received.

5.9. Central PhD council (CDR) [2 PhD suppliants]

The council appointed Amanda Kann as a PhD suppliant.

No other nominations were received.

5.10. Operations funding.

The council decided to apply for operations funding for fika in spring 2024.

6. Other matters

Hermela Embaye reported on a recent meeting with the Dean of the Faculty where she brought up the issue of the duration of contracts and resident permits for international PhD-students. The Dean informs that this is being discussed throughout the country. They will look into which level should be handled and they will raise this issue up with management. One potential solution could be to make an exception for international students. In response to the complaints about ISP:s, the Dean had difficulties interpreting what the issues were, and will need concrete example since the ISP:s most likely are similar on all departments.

In response, one student replied that the examples brought up was from another faculty and the wish amongst students is for the ISP to be the same across the whole university.

7. Date for the next meeting

The next HFR meeting will be held on December 14th at 14:00.

8. Meeting adjourned

The chair adjourned the meeting at 16:18.



Secretary
Amanda Kann

Attestant
Jonas Axin