



**Date:** Thursday, 5 October 2023

**Time:** 14:00 – 16:00

**Place:** F389, Södra huset

**Participants:** Hermela Embaye (vice chair), Rebecca Borg (PhD), Tesfaye Woubshet Ayele (PhD), Kai Nuñez Wiklund, Magnus Ahltop, Monika Truncyte (SUS), Djurdjina Ciric, och Alexander Näslund.

## Agenda

### 1. Open the meeting.

Hermela opened the meeting at 14:09.

### 2. Approve meeting agenda.

The meeting approved the agenda with the addition of §6.1. *Chair of the board.*

### 3. Information points

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

No relevant information has been received.

#### 3.2. Information from SUS

A new administrative system – SUS Admin has been launched. The purpose of SUS Admin is to make it easier for students to keep track of their assignments, and to provide the student councils with an overview of the positions they can elect representatives to. The student councils and associations will also be able to request meeting rooms, apply for funding, and upload documents through the system. If you have not already, please log in to your SUS Admin account and check if the information we have about your council and/or your assignments is correct and if it is not email us and we will update it.

On 17/10, 15:00-16:30 (Auditorium 2, Södra Husen), we will be hosting a seminar on course syllabuses. The seminar will be held in Swedish. We will go through the structure of a course syllabus, why course syllabus matters, look at different examples, and do some small exercises.

#### 3.3. Central PhD council (CDR)

The student representative reports:

The salary discussions between the labor unions and the university are ongoing. As of the last CDR meeting (September) there are no updates to share on the status of the negotiations, despite CDRs efforts to reach out to the unions for updates.

- The attendance in the CDR meetings has raised some questions. The faculty boards are encouraged to try and have enough suppliants to cover the ordinary representatives when needed. Ordinary members are reminded to notify the suppliants when they can't attend meetings.

- CDR voted on prioritized issues for SUS earlier in the Spring, being:

Harassment/bullying policy

Clarification of prolongation policy

Faculty council representatives are reminded of these prioritized issues.

### 3.4. Central Student council (CSR)

The student representative informs the council that the process of recruiting a new president of the university is underway and that eight student representatives are in the recruitment group. The new president will hopefully be appointed in one year. The process will be more intense in spring.

### 3.5. Humanities Faculty Board

The student representative informs the council that: The strategic plan for 2023-2026 that we have worked with about a year has now been formally approved. The student representatives have ensured that at least some language has been included that emphasizes the role of humanities subjects in education and research about democracy, ecological, and social sustainability.

The student reports that some of the decisions made at the latest meeting was:

- Strategic plan for the Faculty of Humanities 2023–2026 (dnr SU FV- 3161-23).
- The Department of Linguistics requests that the Faculty Board establish a new main field of Linguistic Informatics (Spåkinformatik) and determine the local degree description for the main field of Linguistic Informatics (Språkinformatik) at master's level (dnr SU FV- 3131-23).
- The Department of Linguistics requests that the Faculty Board establish the Master's Program in AI and Language and establish the HSAIO curriculum.
- Determining the period division for the academic year 2024/2025 (dnr SU FV-2231-23).

### 3.6. Academic Appointment Board – Historical and Philosophical Subjects No new report sent in.

### 3.7. Academic Appointment Board – Language Science Subjects

The representative reports the following:

There is a lot of teachers to elect. Beforehand they have only had short test-presentations but it is hard to judge the pedagogical ability from this. It almost always come down to the external reviewers' assessment of the candidates' pedagogical ability.

They are quite bound to what the reviewers say. There have been issues before where they feel like someone has great pedagogy ability but it is hard to rearrange the order from the external reviewers' list from that alone.

This time, however, the two candidates first held a 45 minutes long lecture in front of an audience consisting of staff and students from the department. Hopefully this will become more common in the future and make it easier to justify potential deviations from the external assessments when needed.

3.8. Committee for Budgetary Management

No new report sent in.

3.9. Language Studio Reference Group

No new report sent in.

3.10. Board for Education and Quality (HUGO)

No new report sent in.

3.11. Centre for Indo-European Languages and Cultural Studies

No new report sent in.

4. Discussion points

4.1. PhD student group

The PhD group discussed the possibility for the university to offer two-year contracts to PhD-students. When you are first employed as a PhD-student you are given a one-year contract (which can be extended). The waiting time for each contract can be a whole year, and while the contract has expired, they can't leave the country. They are wondering what the options and limits are so that the students can go abroad to go to conferences etc., which is important for their career building. This will be brought up with CDR and on the network meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>. If it takes a year to get the temporary resident permit the contract should be extended a year. The question is, is there a reason for why the university is not offering two-year contracts if it's possible to do it? There is a risk that the student will be deported during the waiting time.

4.2. Masters and Bachelor's student group

Everything is new to the international students. The platform Athena has been an adjustment. Some professors have done well updating and using Athena but some of the professors have not. The international students need the PowerPoint (since it is hard to take notes sometime) from their lectures and have already brought it up with the director of studies. Also, Athena should be introduced to the students in a more comprehensive way. Maybe spend an hour explaining the platform with all the students.

Japanese studies courses are going to be reorganized and have more realia (non-language related studies within the Japanese studies). Japanese courses have experienced a dip in continuation of studies compared to previous years, and this has been an ongoing issue. The student council is working to recruit more representatives from the Middle Eastern studies. They will have more events after having had one successful event. This is to have more international students meet Swedish students and help the international students' get to know people in their new country.

ÄrLing (the student council for the linguistic department) initiated a survey about how students are doing and feeling in the spring, and were inspired by a RALV-survey. They got a high answer rate by going to the classes and asking the professor to pause the lecture, and therefore got 60 responses. People are generally doing good. The alarming results were how people reported the recovery between exams and course starts and a lot of the teachers also feel similarly.

## 5. Decision points (Elections and notice of available positions)

### 5.1. Chair of the board.

Hermela Embaye is appointed chair of the board.

### 5.2. Humanities Faculty Board (HFN) - [Swedish, 1 PhD suppliant, 1 ordinary, 2 supliants]

No new representative appointed.

### 5.3. Board for Education and Quality (HUGO) - [Swedish, 1 ordinary, 2 supliants]

No new representative appointed.

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

No new representative appointed.

### 5.5. Academic Appointment Board – Language Science Subjects - [Swedish, 1 suppliant]

No new representative appointed.

5.6. Committee for Budgetary Management - [Swedish, 1 ordinary, 2 suppliant, 1 PhD suppliant]

No new representative appointed.

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

No new representative appointed.

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

No new representative appointed.

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

No new representative appointed.

5.10. Central PhD council (CDR) [2 PhD supliants]

No new representative appoint.

5.11. Central Student council (CSR) [2 supliants]

The council decided to appoint Djurdjina Ciric as ordinary representative in CSR.

The meeting decided to appoint Vivien Kretz as suppliant student representative in CSR.

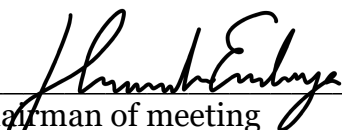
The meeting decided to appoint Jorge Caballero Naranjo as suppliant student representative in CSR.

6. Other questions

The November meeting might be moved from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to a later date.

7. End of meeting

Hermela ended the meeting at 15:49.

  
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Chairman of meeting  
Hermela Embaye