

Humanities Faculty Council

Meeting: Thursday 16 September, 2pm—4:15 pm (including a short break).

Place: Zoom

If you cannot attend the meeting, send an email to hfr@sus.su.se

Attendees: Sherry Israel, Anna Sjöström, Johanna Koivunnen, Adrian Laachiri, Alvi Suipov, Frida Holmdahl, Julia Fries, Santi Luca Famà, Anna Mammitzsch, Andrea Asker Svedberg, Maryann Tan, Alina Frank, Kate O'Farrell,

Agenda

1. Open the meeting.

The meeting opened at 14:02.

2. Assign adjuster (also counts votes).

Adrian Laachiri was appointed as the adjuster.

3. Assign interpreter.

No one was chosen.

4. Approve the agenda.

The agenda was approved.

5. Review of the Humanities Faculty Council's protocol.

The protocol was reviewed.

6. Information points.

- a. Information on any specific, relevant e-mail to the HFR
No information to mention.
- b. Information from SUS.
SUS has created three new networks – chairs in student councils, chairs in PhD student councils, and representatives in local RALV groups.
The networks were created to have a platform for information flow.
There will be a merge of the teacher education in the spring.
Student representatives eligible for payments from SUS can ask for a cheque instead of a bank transfer if they want.
The pandemic restrictions will be lifted at the end of October – however it is up to the individual departments to decide on how to open up again.
- c. Information from the Dean.
The restrictions will be lifted this term.
The issue with master students receiving mentoring was brought up, however, it needed more clarification about the logistics of this suggestion.
 1. Items to discuss at the next meeting with the Dean.
Nothing new mentioned.
- d. Information from the Humanities Faculty Board (Humanistiska Fakultetsnämnden).
The department of Philosophy has separated practical and theoretical philosophy.
Various faculties want to hire new teachers.
Had a discussion about starting Swedish as second language group(?).
A meeting about how to talk about students who do not agree with the teaching was held.
CIVIS courses (i.e. courses within the collaboration project 'CIVIS' between SU and 7 other European universities) have opened.
 1. Items to bring to the next meeting with the Humanities Faculty Board.
Nothing new added.



- e. Information from the Central PhD council (CDR).
No meeting has been held.
- f. Information from the Central Student council (CSR).
No meeting has been held.
- g. Information from the Academic Appointments Board, historical and philosophical subjects (Lärförslagsnämnden för de historisk-filosofiska ämnena).
No representative present at the meeting and no report sent in.
- h. Information from the Academic Appointments Board, language science subjects (Lärförslagsnämnden för de språkvetenskapliga ämnena).
No meeting has been held.
- i. Information from Committee for Budgetary Management (Budgetberedningen).
Cemas continued financing financing was discussed but they did not seem to need it.
Småämnesstöd – continues, question if Nordic languages should receive it but the subject will keep the funding.
- j. Information from the Språkstudion Reference Group.
Some rooms have been equipped for hybrid teaching with speakers, camera and microphones.
A workshop has been held on how to conduct hybrid teaching.
There will be further activities for distance learning but Språkstudion will begin to slowly open up.
- k. Information from the board of education & quality (Arbetsgruppen för utbildning & kvalitetsfrågor, HUGO)
No representative present and no report had been submitted.

7. Discussion points.

a. Student and PhD questions

1. Discussion about how to conduct further meetings.

Sending in reports before the meeting to try to shorten the time spent on talking about what happened in various other meetings might take up much time before the Faculty Council meetings and some prefer listening to the reports rather than reading them. Although some find the notion of having more time for discussions and preparing more in advance to be something beneficial. Suggested to try this form out in a few meetings.

2. Discussion in separate groups

Students – a template for the reports was suggested since on some meetings it seemed unclear what should be reported or not. Mentorship for master students was also discussed. A concern for informal meeting spaces for students on campus is brought up, the understaffing of some faculty clubs is a possible reason.

PhD students – prolongations were discussed with how some information is received at the last minute which makes it difficult to appeal.

Abbreviations in the written reports to HFR could be a problem. A list of abbreviations could be a solution. Points that are to be discussed at the next HFR meeting could somehow be highlighted in the reports. If a representative does not have time to send in a written report before the deadline they could perhaps report on it orally.

A sheet with terms for departments, faculties, student bodies etc. would be beneficial for new student representatives as well as a template for reports.

8. Decision points.

- a) Election representation positions.



1. Chair
Sherry Israel was elected chair.
2. Vice-chair
The election was moved to the next Faculty Council meeting.
3. Board of education & quality (Arbetsgruppen för utbildning & kvalitetsfrågor, HUGO)
2 substitutes (1 Ph.D. student, graduate student)
The election was moved to the next meeting.
4. Committee for Budgetary Management (Budgetberedningen)
1 ordinary, 2 substitutes (1 Ph.D. student, 1 student)
The election was moved to the next meeting.
5. Central Student council(CSR)
2 ordinaries
The election was moved to the next meeting.
6. Scholarship committee (Stipendienämnden)
1 ordinary
The election was moved to the next meeting.
7. Humanities Faculty Board (Humanistiska Fakultetsnämnden)
1 substitute
8. Academic Appointments Board, historical and philosophical subjects (Läraryörelsen för de historisk-filosofiska ämnena)
1 ordinary
The election was moved to the next meeting.
9. Centre for Indo-European Language and Cultural Studies
1 ordinary (Ph.D. student)
Irene Elmerot elected.
10. Språkstudion Reference Group (Språkstudions referensgrupp)
1 substitute
The election was moved to the next meeting.

9. Other questions.

The question about when the next few meetings will be held was raised. The next faculty meetings will be held 21/10.

10. Close the meeting.

The meeting was closed at 15:42.

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President Sherry Israel

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Secretary Anna Sjöström

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adjuster Adrian Laachiri'.

Adjuster Adrian Laachiri