

## Meeting nr 2 2023 Central PhD Student Council, CDR

15<sup>th</sup> of February, 15:00-17:00

(SUS room, Albano)

### Attending

Jenny Wirén (SUS), Kanwal Tariq (chair), Alexandre Adler (vice-chair), Raka Paul (NFR), Disa Ahlblom-Berg (SUS), Filippo Schiavo (CIVIS, CeUL), Karl Sigfrid (US, REBUS), Rebecca Borg (HFR), Sofia Warkander (HFR).

### 1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting is opened at 15:15

#### a. Election of verifier

Alexandre Adler selected as verifier

#### b. Approval of agenda

Adding the selection of secretary to meeting agenda. Rebecca Borg selected as secretary

#### c. Co-option

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#### d. Minutes of the last meeting

Remove Jenny from the role of elected secretary from the last meeting protocol.  
Rotation of secretary was agreed on in the last meeting.

### 2. Reports

#### a. University Board

There is going to be a meeting on Friday 17/2, the agenda includes budget reports from last year. Concerning PhD student representation; Områdesnämnden (the Area Board) currently hosts 3 (2 students/1PhD) representatives; a change has been suggested so that the PhD student representative should be removed and replaced with an additional student representative. Representatives will take this up in the upcoming meeting.

b. Humanities Faculty Council

Issues with the democracy of meeting culture was raised; information is being sent out late, not giving enough time to prepare for the meetings. The reduced hours/compensation for teaching was also discussed. Additionally, the role of the employer in PhD students sick leave cases had been raised revealing differing levels of engagement based on institution, for example in how early the employer reached out to PhD students on sick leave to check in or getting referrals to contact FeelGood.

c. Social Sciences Faculty Council

The representative is not present.

d. Law Faculty Council

The representative is not present.

e. Natural Science Faculty Council

Meeting coming up on Monday 20/2. A lot of available positions to be filled.

f. Student Union SUS

The number of ombudsmen has decreased, so the amount of responsibility has increased for all, resulting in potentially longer response times.

REBUS; the rule document discussed the last time has now been sent out for re-revision and should go through SUS. Once SUS has the document, all PhD student councils will be invited to review it and give comments.

SFS is organizing a delegacy; 2 CDR representatives are invented to join. This will take place in Eskilstuna 4.-7. of May. The names for candidates should be sent out to Disa by 14/3.

g. Other reports

**CeUL:** Meetings in Swedish, representative did not receive an introduction before joining the first meeting & it had been difficult to follow. The introduction should have been organized prior to this meeting; but there seems to be quite a bit of variability between groups in how this is actually implemented.

**AM committee:** Meeting on 25/1. PhD students raised issues for working climate. Workshops will be discussed on the department are being. Harassment & equality report coming in later. The question of the amount long-term sick leaves among PhD

student should be raised in the faculty meetings and we will reconvene on this in the next meeting. Provider for occupational health services will change.

**CIVIS:** Meeting on 30/1. Survey developed for students that participate in CIVIS; where to steer the direction for students to participate in courses/ workshops. Results of this survey will be taken up at the end of the semester.

### **3. Nomination CDR representatives**

- a.** Human Sciences preparational board for PhD education, BUF (swe)
  - i. 3 ordinary member / no nominations
- b.** Education organizer- and student committee for RALV, US-committee (swe)
  - i. 1 ordinary member / no nominations
- c.** Budget group (swe)
  - i. 1 ordinary member /no nominations

### **4. Discussion of issues raised by local PhD councils**

One question about supervision, was raised. Namely whether there are rules and regulations in place stating that both supervisors need to be employed permanently at the department that the PhD is being completed in. This will be raised discussed in the relevant faculty meeting and refer the question to an ombudsman.

### **5. Dates upcoming meetings**

Switching the time for the next meeting on 15/3; suggested 9-11.

### **6. Other issues**

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### **7. Closing of the meeting**

Meeting closed at 16:39