

Minutes for Meeting 6 (2022) of the Central PhD Student Council (CDR)

20th of October, 15:00-15:52

(Zoom/SUS Rosa Rummet)

Protocol

1. Opening of the meeting

a. Round of introductions

Present: Alexandre Adler (NFR), Hanna Dort (Vice-chair, interim chair), Jenny Wiren (SUS), Daniel Astone (Juridikum)

Excused: Julia Fries, Fariba Majlesi, Samaneh Khaef,

b. Election of verifier

Daniel is verifier

c. Approval of agenda

Agenda is approved

d. Co-option

None

e. Approval of minutes from last meeting

We will look for the previous minutes (Alex got his laptop stolen!)

2. Reports

a. University Board

b. REBUS

c. Humanities Faculty Council

d. Social Sciences Faculty Council

e. Law Faculty Council

If your PhD outruns your funding, students on grants/scholarships lose social protection but not the employed students. Do we know how this rupture of equality is addressed in other faculties?

f. Natural Science Faculty Council

Departments will attempt to coordinate Nobel Prize winners coming for lectures. Discussion on insufficient knowledge of guidelines for reporting and addressing harassment. Getting paid/prolongated for short teaching stints.

Action: suggest that contract renewals address the issue

g. Student Union SUS

Several departments of NFR have not answered the university's request to compile all councils on which students should sit. SUS will organize a pub for PhD students on November 8th. The aim is to do inter-departmental exchange. Project funding application is open. 70000SEK available.

h. SFS-DSO meeting

Alex and Hanna are going to Goteborg for the SFS-DK meeting next week.

i. Other reports

3. Election CDR

a. Chair

b. University board

4. Nomination CDR representatives

a. REBUS (swe)

b. Human Sciences preparational board for PhD education, BUF (swe)

c. Employer- and employee committee for RALV, AM-committee (swe)

d. Education organizer- and student committee for RALV, US-committee (swe)

e. Centre for University Teacher Education Board, CeUL (swe)

f. Budget group (swe)

5. Discussion of issues raised by local PhD councils

Contract negotiations are starting again and the document for education at the 3rd cycle is also being remade: therefore councils should gather student opinions on their needs.

6. Statement in solidarity with Iranian students

Daniel knows people who could draft a good communique. Hanna suggests that the statement contains information on how those affected can get help (especially for mental health support). We will issue our statement via SUS. We will ask for more advice at the SFS-DK meeting.

7. Departmental coordination of reception of Nobel Laureates

No indication faculties other than NFR are receiving Nobel Laureates.

Todo: contact SFR about the process to invite prestigious guests

8. Informing students of the process when reporting harassment

See previous NFR point: Students don't know and aren't told how the process works, which could have a chilling effect. Should CDR write a small guide? At the law faculty, there is no set point of contact person, sometimes the director of graduate studies but they are not a good neutral party in some cases. There was retaliation against reporting (on teaching assignments). We will contact the Ombudspeople of SUS

9. Response to the student newspaper request for comment on the Tidö agreement

"CDR is happy that the hard work by SFS and other organizations has made enough progress that the issue of PhD residence is now a point of the coalition agreement. We reiterate our attachment to the system that was in place before the 2021 Aliens Act, and will wait for the proposed legislation with great interest".

10. Dates for upcoming meetings

Next meetings are on 17/11 from 15:00 to 17:00 and on 13/12 from 15:00 to 17:00.

11. Other issues

Meeting ends at 15:52