

Meeting nr 1 2023 Central PhD Student Council, CDR

17th of January, 15:00-17:00

Rosa Rummet

Members present: Alma (SUS), Jenny Wiren (SUS), Hanna Dort (NFR), Alexandre Adler (CDR), Karl Sigfrid (REBUS, University Board), Raka Paul (NFR), Elli van Berlekom (SFR), Maksymilian Kuzmicz (Law, present via Zoom), Filippo Schiavo (TRIO), Rebecca Borg (HFR), Kanwal Tariq (CDR)

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

a. Election of notetaker

Alexandre Adler

b. Election of verifier

Hanna Dort

c. Approval of agenda

We add CIVIS elections to the agenda and approve the revised agenda.

d. Co-option

No co-option needed

e. Approval of decision made by SUS presidium regarding elections

The CIVIS election has been sent back to CDR since there were multiple candidates. Other elections at central level had only one candidate and are approved by CDR.

f. Approval of per capsulam decision

Per Capsulam; Kanwal Tariq for CDR chair, and Alexandre Adler for CDR vice-chair.

2. Reports

a. University Board

A strategy document was distributed in December that stated the importance of PhD student participation in international conferences. The purpose of this statement to

encourage the allocation of department funding for conference attendance by doctoral students.

It has been reported that PhD enrollment is down, and there is a consensus that this should be reversed. However, the university's budget is still very constrained, so it is not clear where the money for new PhD students would come from. Furthermore, the decisions for hiring are made at a departmental level.

A request was made for hiring statistics for each department at the university. Karl and Jenny will look into this request.

b. Humanities Faculty Council

Recap of December meeting: Suggested to have an exit interview after the defense, to discuss the PhD program as a whole and make the transition out of the university less abrupt. The dean of the faculty is interested. Dearth of short-term "bridge" contracts.

Students at HFR have the right to career counselling during their PhD. Does this right apply to all PhD students at SU? If so, where is this counselling provided and how is it advertised?

c. Social Sciences Faculty Council

Nothing to report from last meeting

d. Law Faculty Council

December meeting was purely organizational.

e. Natural Science Faculty Council

Last meeting was dedicated to elections.

f. Student Union SUS

The rules for third cycle education have been up for review. This review has been discussed among student councils extensively, with the understanding that students would be able to give feedback. However, a draft of the rules document was recently sent on to ReBUS without an opportunity for SUS or any student representatives to comment. One of the proposed changes is to add a section that the chair and vice-chairs of a student council are expected to take other roles within departments (such as representative positions in LK, IS, "and so on") as part of their chair work and without further reimbursement. The department of English has already implemented

a similar policy due to budgetary constraints, and HFR agreed with that decision. The student representatives on ReBUS said they had issues with the document. Other members were displeased about other aspects of the document. Major revisions are necessary and a review round will happen, hopefully this time with student involvement. SUS will look through the document with feedback from the various councils, but the timeline and the process are still unclear.

g. Other reports

No other reports

3. Election CDR

a. Secretary

Jenny is elected to be CDR secretary. The person taking meeting minutes will rotate each meeting.

b. CIVIS representative

Filippo is elected.

4. Nomination CDR representatives

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

i. 3 ordinary member

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

i. 1 ordinary member

c. Budget group (swe)

i. 1 ordinary member

5. Discussion of issues raised by local PhD councils

From the psychology PhD council: Until now, if you had employment remaining on your contract after you defend, you were able to continue working on projects related to your thesis. The department wants to change that, so that everyone defends on the last day of the contract.

The psychology doctoral council would like more information about the practice in other departments.

In the Department of Swedish Language and Multilingualism there are no student representative in the doctoral supervisor council. CDR discussed this issue and felt that PhD student representatives should not be able to hear potentially sensitive information about other, individual PhD students. Jenny will forward contact information for other departments with similar boards to Rebecca.

The linguistics PhD student council asked how we get compensated for teaching preparation time, and if PhD students and faculty members should have equal policies for the number of preparatory hours awarded per number of hours lectured. We discussed the policy at Fysikum as an example. There, extra hours are awarded to PhD students if it's the first time they teach a subject or if they prepare a lab and it takes a long time.

6. Dates upcoming meetings

The next meetings will be in Rosa Rummet at 15:00 on:

February 15th, March 15th, April 19th, and May 17th

before breaking for summer

7. Other issues

No other issues reported

8. Closing of the meeting

Meeting adjourned at 16:30