

Agenda for Meeting 4 (2022) of the Central PhD Student Council (CDR)

9th of June, 15:00-17:00

(Zoom/SUS Rosa Rummet)

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

a. Round of introductions

Present: Julia Fries (HFR), Maryann Su Lin Tan (HFR), Samaneh Khaef (SFR), Disa Ahlblom-Berg (SUS), Karl Sigfrid (REBUS), Hanna Dort (Vice-chair, acting), Alexandre Adler (Secretary), Ellis Wibacke (SUS), Simon Froster Delbom (SUS), Amanda Almstedt Valldor (SFR)

b. Election of verifier

Julia is chosen

c. Approval of agenda

Agenda is approved

d. Co-option

No co-option

e. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes were approved

2. Reports

a. University Board

There will be a board meeting tomorrow to talk about the university strategy for the coming years. Decisions are expected in the fall.

b. REBUS

Discussion on evaluation of PhD courses. How do we ensure anonymity? How can we make evaluation easy, especially for not very formal courses like self-study? A survey will be sent. Should courses have a mandatory course plans?

There was also a mention of whether the current system, where you can take master's courses during your PhD for credits, is good. There appeared to be no momentum for change.

c. Humanities Faculty Council

The hiring freeze of PhD students is concerning for the experience and work environment of present PhD students.

d. Social Sciences Faculty Council

No meetings happened

e. Law Faculty Council

f. Natural Science Faculty Council

Focus on Breaking language barriers in committees and monitoring the implementation of the rule on the half-time raise.

g. Student Union SUS

SUS chose its advocacy issues and the action plan for the coming academic year. One of the advocacy issues will be standardization of matters like half-time pay and support systems. Other priorities include student finances, sustainability, and student health.

There will be a smaller budget for activities grants (applications are open!)

h. Other reports

Board of Human Sciences: implementation of the UKÄ recommendation: evaluation of all PhD courses; standardization of the ISP among other topics.

Disparities between students getting prolongation: students who are earlier in their programs got told to change topic instead. Prolongation was often granted for delayed data collection and lack of travel, and systematically rejected for psychological impact of the pandemic.

3. Election CDR

a. Chair

4. Nomination CDR representatives

a. REBUS (swe)

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

i. 2 ordinary members left (there is already one)

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

- i. 1 ordinary member
- d. Education organizer- and student committee for RALV, US-committee (swe)
 - i. 1 ordinary member
- e. Centre for University Teacher Education Board, CeUL (swe)
 - i. 1 ordinary member, our current member will go on paternity leave in May
- f. Budget group (swe)
 - i. 1 ordinary member

5. Discussion of issues raised by local PhD councils

Julia says students would like help (like a routine) on how to go through steps with the thesis test print. Hanna will look for answers at the central level and in Zoology's guidelines.

Maryann questions the procurement of printing for posters. The previous arrangement with the printer in KTH is no longer valid in her department, making it very difficult to print posters at the moment. Administration at department wants the individual PhD students to issue tender offers.

6. Update on review of third-cycle education

Review has been put on hold. Work will start again in the fall. Hanna encourages us to review them and make comments.

7. Applying for SUS funding

We approve Hanna's request to apply for funding.

8. Dates for upcoming meetings

Next meeting is tentatively planned for August 25th at 15:00 in the Rosa rummet, with possibility to join via Zoom if needed.

9. Other issues