

Date: Thursday, 16th February 2023

Time: 1500 - 1700

Place: Zoom

Participants: Alvi Suipov, Giada Brighi (PhD), Rebecca Borg, Sherry Deborah, Anna Mammitzsch (PhD), Hermela Embaye, Tesfaye Woubshet Ayele (PhD), Zoé Pochon (PhD), Natalia Kalyva, Beatrice Hansen, Torbjörn Rolandsson, Ebba Aniasson.

Agenda

1. Open the meeting.

The meeting officially started at 15:18.

2. Approve meeting agenda.

The meeting approved the agenda with the addition of point 4.11.

3. Review of HFR's previous meeting minutes/protocol.

Anna's name was missing in the December protocol, the protocol will therefore be adjusted and sent out with an updated list of participants.

4. Information points

4.1. Information on any pertinent, relevant, or interesting emails received by HFR

No new, relevant, and interesting email received.

4.2. Information from SUS

SUS contact person Alma could not attend this meeting because of a SUS meeting held at the same time.

4.3. Central PhD council (CDR)

- They have been conducting evaluations on the rules for third cycle education. The understanding was that SUS was going to get the document with the rules to provide feedback, but this document never made it to SUS. The proposed changes, if implemented, would among other things mean more work for the chair and vice chair of student councils without any further reimbursement. The document has been sent out for another round of revisions. Once SUS has all the documents, all student councils will be invited to review them.
- In one of the committees, they have discussed issues related to workplace environment. The harassment and equality reports are coming later, possibly in the fall term.

- The university board is going to have a meeting about a proposition about whether the PhD student representative position in Områdesnämnden should be replaced with a student representative.

4.4. Central Student council (CSR)

- A working group has been formed to discuss the guidelines regarding potential cheating with ChatGPT.
- A plan your studies tool is either being developed or bought by the university, is currently only available for the teacher programs. A student representative from Delportfölj studieadministrativt stöd wants feedback from the faculty councils on whether or not this tool would be beneficial for them as well.
- Several people were elected to different positions in CSR.

4.5. Humanities Faculty Board

The student representative is not in attendance.

4.6. Academic Appointment Board – Historical and Philosophical Subjects

The student representative could not attend the meeting in early February.

4.7. Academic Appointment Board – Language Science Subjects

The student representative is not in attendance.

4.8. Committee for Budgetary Management

The student representative is not in attendance.

4.9. Språkstudion Reference Group

The student representative is not in attendance.

4.10. Board for Education and Quality (HUGO)

The student representative is not in attendance.

4.11. Information from the Dean

- We will have a new dean, starting from 2024, since the current dean, Elizabeth, will be going back to teaching.
- In the faculty of humanities, only about 16% of the working groups under the faculty are conducted in English. Many non-Swedish speaking students would like for more meetings to be held in English, but it is not possible because the university is required by law to conduct the meetings in English. Also, studies have shown that if they conduct the meetings in English by translating



everything in their heads, it will lower the quality and productivity. We would need to ask the department if some of these working groups can be held in English.

- Allhuset will be closed during weekends to save energy and heating bills.

5. Decision points

5.1. Humanities Faculty Board (HFN) - [Swedish, 1 ordinary, 1 PhD, 1 suppliant]
Alvi Suipov was elected ordinary student representative.

5.2. Board for Education and Quality (HUGO) - [Swedish, 1 PhD & 2 suppliants]
No one was elected.

5.3. Academic Appointment Board – Historical and Philosophical Subjects - [1 suppliant]
No one was elected.

5.4. Academic Appointment Board – Language Science Subjects - [Swedish, 1 suppliant]
No one was elected.

5.5. Committee for Budgetary Management - [Swedish, 2 ordinary/PhD & suppliants]
Jonas Axin was elected ordinary student representative.

5.6. Språkstudion Reference Group [Swedish, 2 ordinary/PhD & 2 suppliants]
No one was elected.

5.7. Centre for Indo-European Languages and Cultural Studies [Swedish, 2 PhD]
No one was elected.

6. Discussion points

6.1. PhD student group

- The PhD forum with Ulrika and Lars has been low. Suggestions were made to have the meetings online on Zoom instead to drive up attendance. If the attendance doesn't improve in the future, there has been talk about abolishing the PhD forum.
- Questions about switching supervisors. Does the supervisor have to be from the same department?

6.2. Masters and Bachelor's student group



- We briefly spoke about ChatGPT.
- One student brought up the issue of how to make students' engagement in the department's student council more sustainable.
- We also discussed how social engagement on campus is very low. One possible cause which was brought up is the fact that many, if not the majority, at SU already live in Stockholm since before and therefore already have their social life established outside the university. It is hard for students who are new to Stockholm to befriend other students. As suggestions we discussed courses and programs having welcoming day the first day, more social activities being organized, the university becoming better at information reaching students about activities or options regarding a sense of community amongst students.

7. Other questions

No other questions.

8. End of meeting

The meeting ended at 16:16.

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Chairperson of HFR

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