



Date: Thursday, 19th January 2023

Time: 1400 - 1600

Place: Zoom

Participants: Sherry Israel, Hermela Embaye, Carl Tjernell (SUS), Alma Norström Wiklund (SUS), Zoé Pochon (PhD), Tinna Valgeirsdottir, Giada Brighi (PhD), Anna Hanchett, Jonas Axin, Alvi Suipov, Tesfaye Woubshet Ayele (PhD), Anna Mammitzsch (PhD), Sofia Warkander (PhD), Magnus Ahltorp, and Natalia Kalyva.

Agenda

1. Open the meeting.

The meeting officially started at 14:03.

2. Assign adjuster.

No one was assigned as an adjuster.

3. Approve meeting agenda.

The meeting approved the agenda without any remarks or corrections.

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

The protocol for December was not finished in time for this meeting. It will be sent out with the next notice for HFR meeting in February along with this protocol and February's agenda.

5. Information points

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

No new, relevant emails received.

5.2. Information from SUS

- SUS has added a new member to the team, Alma who will be the ombudsman for HFR.
- Representatives from student councils can apply for reimbursements for their roles. 250 SEK for every HFR meeting.
- A new training will be held in Kårsalen on the 30th of January. One training will be held in Swedish and one will be held in English.
- SUS have a lot of available positions on a central level (CSR and CDR). They want to highlight the available positions in the evaluation group. They would like to recruit more PhD students and students on a bachelor or master level.
- SUS reported that the free breakfast event they organized went well, with around 150 people attending.

- The Faculty of Humanities has the lowest number of working groups which are open to English speakers. Currently, 16% of groups at the department level and none at the faculty level conduct their meetings in English. This matter will be taken up to the dean at the next meeting for discussion.

5.3. Central PhD council (CDR)

The stand-in student representative has not sent in a report.

5.4. Central Student council (CSR)

During the last meeting the CSR didn't have enough attendees and therefore couldn't make decisions. They will have a replacement meeting in February.

5.5. Humanities Faculty Board

The student representative was not in attendance.

5.6. Academic Appointment Board – Historical and Philosophical Subjects

Two professors were interviewed for two positions. Both positions were didactic. He cannot say what the board recommended.

5.7. Academic Appointment Board – Language Science Subjects

The student representative was not in attendance.

5.8. Committee for Budgetary Management

The student representative was not attendance.

5.9. Språkstudion Reference Group

A meeting was held before Christmas and it went well. They went through what they were doing for the semester, how many people were attending the language cafés, and how many people are using the language services. They see the numbers going up post-covid. They still need two representatives.

5.10. Board for Education and Quality (HUGO)

The student representative was not in attendance.

6. Decision points

6.1. Humanities Faculty Board (HFN) - [Swedish, 1 PhD, 1 suppliant]

No decision was made.

6.2. Board for Education and Quality (HUGO) - [Swedish, 1 PhD & 2 suppliants]

No decision was made.

6.3. Academic Appointment Board – Historical and Philosophical Subjects - [1 suppliant]

No decision was made.

6.4. Academic Appointment Board – Language Science Subjects - [Swedish, 1 suppliant]

No decision was made.

6.5. Committee for Budgetary Management - [Swedish, 2 ordinary/PhD & suppliants]

No decision was made.

6.6. Språkstudion Reference Group [Swedish, 1 ordinary/PhD & 2 suppliants]

No decision was made.

6.7. Stipendienämnden [Swedish, 1 ordinary/PhD & 2 suppliants]

No decision was made.

6.8. Centre for Indo-European Languages and Cultural Studies [Swedish, 2 PhD]

Zoé Pochon was elected as an ordinary student representative.

7. Discussion points

7.1. PhD student group

- Salaries – The PhD students asked why all PhD students at Stockholm University don't have the starting pay. SUS explained that salaries are according to collective agreements negotiated by their respective labour unions.
- Sick leave – The students wanted to know what the standard operating procedure was for sick leaves. SUS says they will get back to them on this matter after some research via email.
- Dialogue meetings – Will PhD students receive prolongation for attending the dialogue meetings? This matter will be asked at the next meeting with the dean. The students suggested that the dialogue meetings be held using a hybrid format (in person and Zoom) to drive up attendance and participation. This will be suggested at the next dialogue meeting on 8/2.

7.2. Masters and Bachelor's student group

- We were discussed the usage and popularity of AI cheating tools (e.g.: ChatGpt) id increasing. As a potential solution, we suggested more in-person exams and less home exams. Another suggestion was oral exams as a compliment to written exams. We think that if the use of AI tools like



these increases significantly, then the university probably will adjust to it. Maybe the university will demand evidence from the students of the writing process.

- Slabefinty had a Christmas event in December. Also, they have a Facebook group which is up and running. A lot of people joined their Facebook group. They will have a meeting tomorrow and are trying to recruit more students.

8. Other questions

No other questions.

9. End of meeting

The meeting ended at 15:23.

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