

**Date:** Thursday, 16 March 2023

**Time:** 1515 - 1715

**Place:** Zoom

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## **Agenda**

1. Open the meeting.

The meeting officially started at 15:17.

2. Approve meeting agenda.

The agenda was approved.

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

The participant list in previous minutes will be corrected.

4. Information points

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

The council has received an email about an upcoming EU event which was forwarded to the HFR mailing list.

4.2. Information from SUS

- SUS has a new membership system, and it will possibly start in autumn. In this new system, as a student representative, council, and contact person, you will have a better overview of your council.
- They are looking at the documents that are regulating education and examination at first, second, and third level. The document has been sent out to student councils for feedback.
- SUS are arranging a network for chairpersons on third level where they will discuss the document. They have suggested some changes but are not finished.
- SUS is recruiting two new ombudsmen (one for a permanent position, but also one for a temporary position).
- Some activities are going to be held before the upcoming union election, for example debates.



- 4.3. Central PhD council (CDR)  
The student representatives were not in attendance.
- 4.4. Central Student council (CSR)  
They have not had a new meeting since the last HFR meeting.
- 4.5. Humanities Faculty Board  
The student representatives were not in attendance.
- 4.6. Academic Appointment Board – Historical and Philosophical Subjects  
No new meeting has been held.
- 4.7. Academic Appointment Board – Language Science Subjects  
Student representative was not in attendance.
- 4.8. Committee for Budgetary Management  
The student representative sent in report. The report states that the meeting had preparatory discussions for the upcoming meetings which included the members being asked for if they have any thoughts based on the budgeting work last year. The departmental boxing of funds has been affected by discrepancies between full-time equivalent students and the annual performance equivalent, and the meeting therefore discussed how to have better predictability in the department's economic and boxing planning. The funding of the smaller departments in the faculty is the main talking point for the next meeting. More points can be set at the semester's end when the budget is set.
- 4.9. Språkstudion Reference Group  
They will have a meeting where they will discuss Språkstudion in general but also about attendance. They are trying to increase attendance since it had gone down after the corona pandemic. The attendance has been increasing with time lately. They are going to discuss examinations and bookings. They are also going to discuss a project about interpretation. In April more updates will come.
- 4.10. Board for Education and Quality (HUGO)  
Student representative is not in attendance.
- 4.11. Centre for Indo-European Languages and Cultural Studies  
The council does not have a representative in this position.

## 5. Discussion points

## 5.1. PhD student group

### 5.1.1. Talking about prioritised advocacy issues

## 5.2. Masters and Bachelor's student group

### 5.2.1. Talking about SUS's 2023/2024 prioritised advocacy issues

#### 5.2.1.1. A secure student economy

- The literature has been very expensive and many books for one course even before the crisis. There should be an alternative to this like eBooks, or teachers sharing PDFs of the books.
- We need to push the publisher to make the books easier to use according to today's standards, and more up to date technology.
- One suggested solution is that the teachers set a roof for how much you should have to pay for literature per course or semester.
- It's difficult to try to buy second-hand books for a small course with very few students in it.

#### 5.2.1.2. Sustainability

- The professors' hands out printed paper with information when the students can take notes, it can be published online on Athena, or the teacher can share the information on the screen instead. It should be standardized for the whole university, all the departments, and all the teachers. Paper should not be unnecessarily printed, for instance information about what to do today, or what to read (which pages).
- The university has gotten a new food waste bags to throw away food in. The cleaner comes in the morning and put the food waste in a plastic bag since they do not know what to do with it. Also, the bags are very small and not big enough for all the waste. More thought and research should be put behind it before it's implemented.

#### 5.2.1.3. Equal treatment

- The students have not experienced this but have heard about it happening at other faculties (and faculty clubs).

#### 5.2.1.4. Student health

- It is very compact, no break between exams and new courses, everyday it's something. Students need a break after exams, for example a day's break.

- It is very hard to get people to come to events (Gula villan, Gröna villan, etc.). For mental health reasons it would be good for them to do things outside of studying. It's better for them to come outside and socialize with people, instead of just going home after school and watching Netflix.
- In this student group, the most important issues were the environmental sustainability, and student economy.

5.3.1.5. Other issues

- One issue brought up was the disorganization of the process of applying for exchange studies. The exchange/international coordinator did not answer in time, and did not give the information in time, which led to a student missing all of their deadlines (to get a grant, etc.). And speaking to other students this student has been informed that this has happened to others as well (but not everybody). This happened in two cycles for the student. This has happened both at the department of Linguistics but also at another department.

6. Decision points (Elections and notice of available positions)

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

No one was elected student representative.

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

No one was elected as student representatives.

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

No one was elected as student representative.

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

No one was elected as student representative.

6.7. Committee for Budgetary Management - [Swedish, 1 ordinary/PhD & supliants]

No one was elected as student representative.



6.8. Språkstudion Reference Group [Swedish, 2 ordinary/PhD & 2 supplants]

No one was elected as student representative.

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

No one was elected as student representative.

7. Other questions

No other questions.

8. End of meeting

Meeting ended at 16:47

**Sherry**

Sherry Deborah Israel  
Chairperson of HFR

**Hermela**

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