



Date: 25th May 2023

Time: 1400 - 1600

Place: Zoom

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Agenda

1. Open the meeting.

Meeting opened at 14:04.

2. Approve meeting agenda.

The meeting approved the agenda.

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

Review of previous meeting's minutes is postponed to next meeting.

4. Information points

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

Ulrika has emailed HFR regarding the PhD forum that has been happening since last semester. They are going to discontinue it because of low attendance. If anyone has questions regarding the faculty of humanities for doctoral students, they can always email Ulrika or Lars.

4.2. Information from SUS

The representative assembly meeting was recently held. The union elected a new president and vice president; Disa Ahlblom-Berg (VSF) as president and Alicia Dickner (S) as vice president. SUS decided on three advocacy issues; university for all, and students have the right to feel good.

SUS also has three new student councils; for the department of Ethnology, Religion, History, and Gender studies, at the department of Philosophy, and for Asian and Middle Eastern studies.

There are three upcoming meetings; one on the 30th for student chairs, one on the 31st about how to get involved with the student union, one on the June 15th which is a chair network for PhD students.



Simon, the chair of SUS, and Karl wrote a report about recovery for students at SU, and it can be found on SUS' website. As of now, it's only available in Swedish but it will be also available in English, probably in the summer.

4.3. Central PhD council (CDR)

Student representative wants to remind the PhD representatives that they should have received a letter to the unions about payment. Also, PhD councils are encouraged to send that letter to the labour unions to put pressure on them.

SACO has received the letters CDR wrote and negotiations will happen between August and October. PhD students can include recommendations from councils during the meeting CDR asked for. No response from ST has been received yet. Jennifer from Studietid (SUS magazine) interviewed Kanwal and Alexandre and we would like CDR to review the quotes to make sure we all agree on the language.

4.4. Central Student council (CSR)

On the latest meeting they voted on the issues that will be SUS prioritized advocacy issues.

4.5. Humanities Faculty Board

The student representative reports that there wasn't anything of great relevance to report and that it was a very short meeting.

4.6. Academic Appointment Board – Historical and Philosophical Subjects
Student representative is not in attendance.

4.7. Academic Appointment Board – Language Science Subjects
Student representative is not in attendance.

4.8. Committee for Budgetary Management

Student representative could not make the last meeting.

4.9. Språkstudion Reference Group

They talked about how things are going and the statistics. It has slowly increased since the pandemic. They don't have many visitors during the day, but the language cafés are really popular. For example, they've had a karaoke night at the Japanese language café. A translation event about French humour went really well. One suggestion has been to organize language cafés in Kista.

- 4.10. Board for Education and Quality (HUGO)
The student representative is not in attendance.

5. Discussion points

5.1. PhD student group

The PhD students wonders if they will receive an update on whether or not their salary will increase by October or if they will only receive information about how the salary negotiations are going by October.

The government has announced that they want to increase the minimum salary requirements for a visa in Sweden. The PhD students wonders if this is confirmed and when this law will be implemented.

5.2. Masters and Bachelor's student group

A lot of people don't get accepted to the fashion studies' bachelor's degree course (kandidatkurs) since there's only 10 available spots. The cultural scientist program gives students a prioritized spot, basically a guaranteed spot within the fashion studies' bachelor's degree course. It turns out that you don't have to have finished the first semester (the foundation course) in the cultural scientist program to get a prioritized spot in the fashion studies' bachelor's degree course. The student in question didn't know, so she took two semesters in vain when she would have gotten a spot in the program when all she had to do was to get accepted to the program. The cultural scientist program is not even on the same department as the fashion studies' bachelor's degree course so it doesn't make sense why students in that program get a guaranteed spot in a course at a different department. The student wonders if it's like this at other departments as well.

Another issue is that the time given for some students to sign up for re-exam is too close to when the grade for their previous exam gets reported. And since the students need to know if they passed or failed the previous exam to know if they should sign up for the re-exam, the grade should be reported quicker or the sign-up date should be pushed back.

6. Other questions

No other questions.

7. End of meeting

Meeting ended at 15:35.



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