



Humanities Faculty Council

Meeting: Thursday 18 November, 2pm–4:15 pm (including a short break).

Place: Zoom

If you cannot attend the meeting, send an email to hfr@sus.su.se

Attendees: Anna Sjöström, Sherry Israel, Jenny Wirén, Jakob Nergårdh, Thomas Neijman, Naralla Kaluya, Isabel Silvander, Andreas Bengtsson, Anna Mammitzsch, Milena Podolsak, Adrian Laachiri, Magnus Ahlthorp, Ahmet Norman, Alina Frank, Andrea Asker Svedberg, Daniel Chun, Francisco Razzari, Irene Elmerot, Kate O’Farell, Johanna Koivunen, Nefeli Theiakou

Agenda

1. Open the meeting.

The meeting started at 14:02.

2. Assign adjuster (also counts votes).

Jakob Nergårdh was chosen as the adjuster.

3. Assign interpreter.

Irene was appointed as the interpreter.

4. Approve the agenda.

The agenda was approved.

5. Review of the Humanities Faculty Council’s protocol.

The unfinished minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed.

6. Information points.

- a. Information on any specific, relevant e-mail to the HFR
 - Student reported that the Department of Linguistics’s course syllabi does not mention the language of examination despite it being mandatory. This matter was further discussed during the smaller discussion group to see whether other departments experience the same issue.
- b. Information from SUS
 - Student representatives have to turn on their webcams to let it to confirm attendance unless they have privacy issues for example children in the background.
 - General election information and advertisement information.
 - Applications are due on the 29th of November 2021. Kindly contact SUS if you have any questions about the positions.
 - SUS has started up two new networks for chairs in PhD student councils and ordinary student councils and the next network meeting for chairs (1st of December) and PhD councils (8th of December).
 - Chairs, vice-chairs and secretaries can soon apply for payment for attending meetings and the information will be sent out in January by SUS.
- c. Information from the Dean.
 - PhD student attended meeting with the dean to discuss the issue of prolongation. The dean said she will double check with the department heads for progress and to see whether there has been a communication mishap between the university and students with regards to rules regarding prolongation. Another PhD student will attend the next meeting with the dean for follow up and discussion.
- d. Information from the Humanities Faculty Board (Humanistiska Fakultetsnämnden).
 - Please refer to the compiled reports.
- e. Information from the Central PhD council (CDR).
 - Please refer to the compiled reports.
- f. Information from the Central Student council (CSR).

- CSR had a quite few things to discuss and it was suggested a survey would be more beneficial to answer the all the questions. The following are the questions.
 - How do the possibilities for digital participation in education look at the Faculty of Humanities?
 - In the Student Union's "Views Document" ("Åsiktsdokument"), they state that the Student Union should work for more recorded lectures. How does HFR believe that the Student Union should work to achieve that?
 - There have been cases of teachers booking Group Study Rooms for teaching, blocking their use by students who want to study in a group. Is this something that we have experienced at the Faculty of Humanities as well?
 - How are students at our departments informed about the Student Health Services available for them?
 - Do student representatives at the organs we are represented in have the possibility to send in a statement when single-person decisions are made?
 - What possibilities are there at the Faculty for internships as a part of one's studies?
 - In addition to that, the online magazine #studietid is publishing a 3-part article about disciplinary matters at university and how differently they're handled in different organs. See <https://www.studietid.se/featurefldet/2021/11/11/studietid-granskar-fusket-del-1-det-knns-vl-inte-srskilt-rttvist> for part one in that series.
- g. Information from the Academic Appointments Board, historical and philosophical subjects (Läroförslagsnämnden för de historisk-filosofiska ämnena).
 - Please refer to compiled reports.
- h. Information from the Academic Appointments Board, language science subjects (Läroförslagsnämnden för de språkvetenskapliga ämnena).
 - Please refer to compiled reports.
- i. Information from Committee for Budgetary Management (Budgetberedningen). Please refer to compiled reports.
- j. Information from the Språkstudion Reference Group.
 - Students have to book Språkstudion computers and equipment. Protocol has returned the protocol has returned to pre-pandemic standards. There are drop-in self-study rooms that are available.
 - COVID shields have been taken away but there are face masks and disinfectants available.
 - Please refer to compiled reports for more information.
- k. Information from the board of education & quality (Arbetsgruppen för utbildning & kvalitetsfrågor, HUGO)
 - No representative in attendance and no written report was sent.
- l. Information from Centre of Indo-European Studies
 - Nothing to report.

7. Discussion points.

Student and PhD questions

Discussions in smaller groups PhD Students

- Prolongation and Extension for PhD students due to COVID-19
- I. So far, "concrete" reasons such as unable to collect data, missed field trip etc is accepted as reasons for delays. A change in environment, long-term stress, time taken out to fill in prolongation applications are not taken into account.
- II. Mass survey to be conducted to analyse which students from which department (no names) received prolongations and reasoning for such decisions.



III. A PhD student should attend further meetings with the dean if no PhD student is elected to the HFR board.

BA and MA students

- i. Course descriptions and/or course syllabus for Department of Roman studies and Classics (RoMan) and Department of Linguistics have information missing. (e.g.: language of examination, course literature) and/or have not been updated for years.
- ii. Student representatives who would like to raise discussion points in the report should attend the HFR meeting as it would be easier for discussions to flow.

8. Decision points.

- No decisions taken.

9. Other questions.

No other questions.

10. Close the meeting.

The meeting was closed at 16:03

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Sherry Israel
Chairperson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Sjöström'.

Anna Sjöström
Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jakob Nergårdh'.

Jakob Nergårdh
Adjuster