

Humanities Faculty Council

List of attendees:

Attendees: Sherry Israel, Hermela Embaye, Anna Sjöström, Natalia Kalyva, Tinna Valgeirsdottir, Julia Fries, Sofia Warkander, Zoé Pochon, Andrea Asker Svedberg, Rebecka Lindström, Saki Kobayashi, Tesfaye Woubshet Ayele, Isabel Silvander, Anna Mammitzsch, Alvi Suipov, Giada Brighi, Emelie Baiden, Magnus Ahltorp

Meeting Date: Friday, 22 nd April 2021

Time: 1400-1600 (including 10-15 minutes break)

Place: Zoom

If you cannot attend the meeting, kindly report your absence to hfr@sus.se

Agenda

1. Open the meeting

Opened at 14:05

2. Assign an adjuster (also counts votes)

Julia Fries was chosen as an adjuster

3. Assign an interpreter (Swedish to English or vice versa)

No one was chosen

4. Approve the current meeting's agenda

The agenda was approved

5. Review of Humanities Faculty Student Council's previous meeting minutes / protocol

The minutes from last meeting were unfinished and would be sent out at a later date.

6. Information points

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

There were no emails to discuss but the faculty council will hold its meetings on campus next semester.

6.1.2. Information from SUS

There has been a new addition to SUS, Rebecka Lindström is a new ombudsman since February and works with communication.

The student union election has been held and the voter turnout was 20.5%, the results of the election is available on the SUS webpage. The new SUS board will be elected soon.

This semester the university will review some student important documents which SUS will be joining in to discuss. This semester it will be mostly editorial changes, however, SUS will continue to work to update relevant things.

The newsletter has been sent out, if one is on the contact list for a student council one will get the extra information that is relevant.

The fifth and last meeting for the chairpersons in PhD student councils for the semester will be held on June 8.

SUS are looking for students who can work hourly at the reception.

6.1.3. Information from the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities

Rejections when it comes to prolongation, the reasoning is kind of short which according to the Dean is normal but it will be forwarded that the departments should elaborate on why.

The Dean wondered how students have experienced the exams.

There has been administration system problems for exams which will hopefully be fixed until next semester in regards to having a free day after an exam.

The Dean thinks it is difficult to implement sustainability lectures for all courses, such as ancient Greek studies, but it is a good suggestion.

The minutes will mainly focus on the decision points going forward.

6.1.3.1.1. Item to discuss or clarify at the next meeting with the Dean.

Nothing was brought up

6.1.4. Central PhD council (CDR)

SUS would work for transparency since there were differences between institutions on how things were implemented.

The department of natural sciences has negotiated a new form of pay raise for the PhD students which SUS will work to implement at the Humanities Faculty. The other suggestion that won was a better link between studies and working life which SUS also will be working towards.

Karolinska institutet, KTH and SU organised a protest against the new aliens act which make it more difficult for researchers to get a permanent residence on May 15

6.1.5. Central Student council (CSR)

Two issues will be prioritised: sustainability and student economy.

NFR suggested that students with disabilities would get more time to turn in assignments.

Digitalisation of textbooks is an ongoing issue.

6.1.6. Humanities Faculty Board (Human)

An allocation of funds for the research school, resources for quality assurance and activities was discussed.

There were too few applicants.

A steering group committee which will include two student representatives.

Two new positions for teachers for department of didactics.

Current evaluation in HUGO on how the department works for sustainability.

One point was about budget and how to estimate budgets and if the government will take away the funds, unclear if that would affect the humanities faculty since they have not been saving.

6.1.7. Academic Appointment Board – Historical and Philosophical Subjects

Two applications were confirmed, one for a professor and one for a lector.

6.1.8. Academic Appointment Board – Language Science Subjects

No representative could attend the meeting, it is important to have substitutes for this kind of scenario.

6.1.9. Committee for Budgetary Management

The process for preparing the budget for next year has started.

Medel för forskning och utbildning på forskarnivå will receive 10 million extra. It was discussed whether it should fill budget deficits or not. Småämnesstöd was discussed regarding what principles should apply and if the budget should be planned for two or three years to ease the difficulties of planning for the courses.

6.1.10. Språkstudion Reference Group

No meeting had been held

6.1.11. Board for Education and Quality (HUGO)

No representative present and no report had been sent.

6.1.12 Stipendienämnden

No representative present and no report sent

7. Discussion points

7.1. PhD Student Group

Sexual harrasment preparedness was discussed, it varies between departments. Most students got an introduction when becoming a PhD student. One question pertains to how sexual harrasment cases are handled when the perpetrator is not from the same university, an example is if it happened at a conference.

Grant applications were discussed as well as pay raises. The pay raises should be when half of the days have gone and match that of the Faculty of Natural Sciences.

7.2. Masters and bachelor's Student Group

The student group mostly discussed the impending move of the institute for Asia and Middleeastern studies from Kräftriket to Södra huset.

8. Decision points (Elections and Notice of Available Positions)

8.1 Ordinary Stipendienämnden

Zoé Pochon was chosen as an ordinary

8.2 Ordinary CDR

Maryann Tan was chosen as an ordinary

9. Questions

The next meeting will be held on campus but will be more informal. The date of the meeting was moved to June 16 between 13-15.

10. End meeting.

The meeting ended at 15:52



Sherry Israel
Chair

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Anna Sjöström
Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Julia Fries'.

Julia Fries
Adjuster