



Meeting nr. 7 2023 Central PhD Student Council, CDR

27th of October, 9:00 AM in (SUS room, Albano campus)

Present: Hanna Dort (NFR), Alexandre Adler (V.C.), Kanwal Tariq (Chair), Jenny Wiren (SUS), Disa (SUS), Maksymilian Kuzmicz (Juridikum), Rebecca Borg (HFR), Karl Sigfrid (REBUS), Naman Rawat (SFR)

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened at 13.00.

a. Election of secretary

Maksymilian Kuźmicz

b. Election of verifier

Hanna Dort

c. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved.

2. Last meeting minutes

The previous minutes were presented by Kanwal and were approved.

3. Reports

a. University Board

- The University Board's main topic of discussion was the budget and how to balance it.
- Challenges related to budget cuts were discussed, with an emphasis on saving measures, including a proposed 25% cut in funds for the unions.
- The appointment of a new rector next year was mentioned.
- The government's plan to increase the budget was highlighted.

b. Humanities Faculty Council

- First meeting was a couple of weeks ago. A few students were present. The chair stepped down, and the former vice-chair took the position.
- The committee discussed the need for 4-year contracts for students and the current practice of one-year contracts with one-year extensions.

- It was noted that some departments, like Political Sciences, provide 2-year contracts, and the possibility of implementing this for non-EU students was discussed. Contract length is currently decided at department or faculty levels.
- c. Social Sciences Faculty Council
- A new representative introduced themselves, but there were no specific reports.
- d. Law Faculty Council
- One PhD position is to be filled with input from a doctoral representative. Future budgetary conditions may impact the annual call for funding doctoral positions.
 - Discussions regarding a reduction in teaching hours and changes in office space and location have taken place. Doctoral students are not represented in the preparation group, but efforts are underway to consider their needs and the impact of reduced teaching hours on the quality of doctoral education.
 - Changes in office space allocation are planned, with revisions taking into account the needs of funded doctoral students. As a rule, 2-3 PhD students will share office.
- e. Natural Science Faculty Council
- Discussions included salary negotiations and migration law.
 - An event with pizza and board games on November 3rd, at 17:00 in the DEEP lunch room, was announced.
 - Examples of Individual Study Plans (ISPs) were collected for further discussion with SFS-DK. There will be a focus on standardization of ISPs and removal of unnecessary questions.
- f. Student Union SUS
- Upcoming elections (February) and the Position Document were discussed.
 - SUS will prioritize the question of PhD student harassment and victimization.
 - SUS asks CDR to review the opinion document that is in revision and comment on sections related to PhD student education.
 - This document is available in English online:
https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5fd083c31957125c2ca60dd9/t/624b04036d43eb388b8a2727/1649083395874/SUS+%C3%A5siktsdokument_eng.pdf
- g. Other reports
- Reports from Filippo (CIVIS) and Saki included updates on meetings, engagement, support for students, and the reporting of holidays.
 - There has been discussion of how to react in cases of harassment, and if it is within the CDR/PhD council's competence.
 - Policies for reporting of holidays were reviewed; regulations state that all holiday must be registered by April.

4. Status of discussion about PhD student salaries

- No decisions were made regarding new salaries. New principles were published online (<https://www.su.se/staff/organisation-governance/governing-documents-rules-and-regulations/personnel/stockholm-university-s-pay-policy-1.242715>).
- The new salaries are expected to apply retroactively from October 2023.

5. Dates for upcoming meetings

The next meeting is scheduled for December 14th at 15:00., Frescati, Rosa Rummet

6. Other issues

No other issues discussed.

7. Closing of the meeting

The meeting concluded at 14:25.