



Meeting nr. 8 2023 Central PhD Student Council, CDR

14th of December, 3:00 PM in (Rosa rummet, Frescati campus)

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Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

a. Election of secretary

Rebecca will take the minutes

b. Election of verifier

Alexandre will adjust the minutes

c. Approval of agenda

2. Last meeting minutes

3. Reports

a. University Board

- Jenny informs us that a review report from SU to UKÄ has been submitted. SUS' comments for the report have not been acknowledged. This will be discussed in the University Board.

- Lokalförsörjningsplan (facility optimization), they are planning on installing sensors to monitor how spaces are used. However, the aim and consequences of this are still somewhat unclear.

- Appointment of a new principal (rektor): there has been an initial discussion on the profile of the applicant should look like.

b. Humanities Faculty Council

- Dean of the humanities agrees that these one-year contracts for PhD students are a problem; this issue will be brought forward to the university board to discuss the potential of providing exceptions to international PhD students.

- Concerns and an inquiry of the purpose of the facility optimization survey will be forwarded to the dean, as it does not represent the sporadic nature of academic work.

c. Social Sciences Faculty Council

- The council wants to push the faculty to hold board meetings in English; this has received push-back from more senior faculty members who do not feel as comfortable using English.

- PhD students want to take courses in other departments; the council inquires whether it would be possible of creating a cohesive database of all available PhD courses for the whole university. We should ask why such database has not been created for PhD courses as there is to Bachelor's/Masters' level courses. This might be a task for the next CDR council.

d. Law Faculty Council

No representative present.

e. Natural Science Faculty Council

No representative present.

f. Student Union SUS

- Annual meeting: SUS will receive an updated list of all groups in mid-February. Faculty councils will have their annual meetings in late February. Jenny thus suggests that CDR will hold its annual meeting in early March, either the 6th or 7th.

- Jenny will lead the CDR meetings in the beginning of the year 2024 until a new chair is elected.

g. Other reports

- SFSDK: Alexandre also reports that the Migrationsöverdomstolen has deemed the 18-month work requirement for PhD students as illegal and that the prospect of a 12-month employment should be enough, making permanent residence easier to acquire.

- REBUS: Next meeting on Monday (18/12), they will discuss new AI policies for examination. For now, it is unclear, whether these possible changes from take home exams to written exams will affect PhD courses.

4. Discussion on the position document

- Comments made directly in the document, Alex will send it forward.

5. Dates upcoming meetings

- Annual meeting for CDR scheduled for March 7th 2024.

6. Other issues

7. Closing of the meeting 16:30