

Meeting nr. 3 2023 Central PhD Student Council, CDR

15th of March, 9:00-11:00 am (SUS room, Frescati)

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting

a. Election of secretary

Hanna will take the minutes.

b. Election of verifier

Alexandre will adjust the minutes.

c. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved.

2. Last meeting minutes

The previous meeting minutes have not yet been added to the website, so we will approve them at the next meeting.

In the future, the secretary will have a week to send minutes for adjustment (22nd). The adjuster will then have a week to adjust and send the minutes to the chair (29th). On the 29th, the chair will send the completed minutes to Jenny for distribution on the SUS website.

3. Nomination CDR representatives

a. Education organizer- and student committee for RALV, US-committee (swe)

i. 1 ordinary member

ii. Saki wins the election and will be appointed as a member of the education organizer and student committee for RALV, US-committee

1. Note that RALV stated that AM-committee member is automatically made a member of US-committee; however, it does not HAVE to be per SUS guidelines. Jenny will follow up with them about the misunderstanding.

4. Reports

- a. University Board
 - i. Guidelines have been written for course evaluations, focusing on, for example, how to evaluate courses with only one student.
 - ii. Third-cycle education governing document has been received as a *remiss*. On the 28th of March, the chairs of all PhD councils will be meeting with SUS to give feedback on major changes. Deadline for SUS input is in April.
- b. Humanities Faculty Council
 - i. Discussions were held on salary differences between Swedish universities and about changes to prolongation section of the third-cycle education document.
- c. Social Sciences Faculty Council
 - i. Discussions were held on salary differences between Swedish universities and about changes to the third-cycle education document.
- d. Law Faculty Council
 - i. Discussions were held on salary differences between universities; it was agreed upon that SU PhD students are underpaid.
- e. Natural Science Faculty Council
 - i. A letter detailing the salary discrepancies between universities was sent out by the Physical Geography department. Hanna agreed to bring this letter forward to CDR for some light editing and formal submission to the negotiating worker's unions. This will be further discussed at the end of this meeting.
- f. Student Union SUS
 - i. Focus questions are needed for next year's prioritization. SUS would like CDR representatives to go to their faculty councils for suggestions – what are the two biggest issues affecting PhD students that should be worked on by the student union in the next year?
 - ii. The university is lacking guidelines on what to do in situations where statements made by employees in a professional-adjacent capacity (i.e., not made *on behalf* of the university, but made when presenting university credentials) lead to others feeling discriminated against or unsafe.

1. e.g. recent issue with acknowledgements in thesis not being part of the thesis that the university can edit.
 2. When is it academic freedom and when can an employer modify speech/content of publications?
- g. Other reports
- i. CIVIS: Meeting held on the 28th of February in preparation for global CIVIS Days in May. Discussions proposed on organization of management committee and issuing of certificates for CIVIS representation.
 - ii. SFS-DK: ISP going to be our “hot topic” at SFS-FUM. Hanna will talk to PhD chairs about suggestions on the 28th of March.

5. Discussion about PhD student salaries

- a. A draft letter will be sent out to all CDR representatives for comment by 22nd March at the latest. Once complete, Kanwal will send out the letter from the CDR email.

Link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lh48eu96MSx-nJOxs43cAnHp0t5-MX4h5giwTrLRbGY/edit?usp=sharing>
- b. A second draft will be prepared for distribution to local PhD councils and faculty councils.

6. Discussion of issues raised by local PhD councils

7. Dates upcoming meetings

- a. 18th April at 3:30 PM in Rosa rummet

8. Other issues

- a. Kanwal and Alexandre will investigate making Google Forms reports possible for CDR committee members.

9. Closing of the meeting

- a. Meeting closed at 10:32 AM.