



Minutes – Science Faculty Council (NFR)

19th of October, 16.30 - 19.00, Zoom

Present: Pil Maria Saugmann (PhD student at Fysikum and chair of NFR), Victor Karlström (PhD student at MBW, vice-chair of NFR and student representative in Områdesnämnden), Martin Schulthess (Master's student at the Department of Physical Geography, chair of GÄR and vice-chair of NFR), Yuan Guo (PhD student at MBW and student rep. in Områdesnämnden), Erik Lindsund (PhD student at MBW, student rep. in Områdesnämnden), Abraham Beyene (PhD student at MND), Emmy Wassénus (PhD student at SRC), Oskar Nyberg (PhD student at DEEP), Kevin Dorst (PhD student at the Department of Organic Chemistry), Alexandre Adler (PhD student at Fysikum), Jonathan Wiskandt (PhD student at MISU), Elis Wibacke (Student Union)

1. Opening of the meeting

Pil Maria Saugmann opens the meeting at 16.35.

a. Round of presentation

The members introduce themselves.

b. Election of chairperson

Pil Maria Saugmann is elected.

c. Election of secretary

Elis Wibacke is elected.

d. Election of adjuster

Oskar Nyberg is elected.

e. Approval of the agenda

The agenda is approved.

f. Approval of last meeting's minutes

The minutes from the meetings on the 1st of June and 7th of September are both approved. NFR's web page will be updated to include all the latest minutes.

g. Co adjungation

No adjunction needed.

h. Information from SUS

Elis Wibacke informs about the new Central Student Council, CSR, and an upcoming event for PhD students, 'Doktorandpizza'. There is also an important new survey from SFS and ST for PhD students, called *Hur mår doktoranden?*



2. Concerning NFR's representation

a. Nominated since last meeting:

No nominations have been made since the last meeting, however there are some vacant positions.

b. Open election (See more information about the positions in the end of the document)

i) Ordinary groups:

ii) Groups within the quality assurance system:

Environmental science (PhD student)

Regarding programme evaluations (student)

Bachelor's programme in Nutrition (student)

Maja Danielsson is elected to the working group for the Bachelor's programme in Nutrition. It is decided that Pil will ask the other student who was interested in the same group about the working group regarding programme evaluations instead.

iii) New groups:

CIVIS (PhD student representative)

SUCCeSS

No nominations are made to CIVIS and SUCCeSS.

c. Nomination for CDR

REBUS

Stockholm Trio

No nominations are made to CDR.

3. Reports from NFR representatives

a. Central PhD-Council

No representative present. Pil mentions CDR's open letter about prolongation and a new draft for an ISP template.

b. Faculty Board & Arbetsutskottet

Victor reports from Områdesnämnden (the Faculty Board) and its working committee (Arbetsutskottet) that the board has discussed equal recruitment and the possibilities to increase the recruitment of students through information on the SU website. An investigation will be made regarding a merge of MISU with the Physics department (Fysikum) and physically relocate



MISU to AlbaNova. This is something we will have to get back to next year. As a final point, NFR also discusses a letter sent from CDR to all PhD student councils, which should not be discussed in Områdesnämnden before it has been sent to the university board.

c. Grundutbildningsberedningen

Linnea Andersson, student representative in Grundutbildningsberedningen, has written a lengthy report (see appendix). There will be no sudden changes at the faculty regarding the corona situation unless Folkhälsomyndigheten changes its guidelines. Grundutbildningsberedningen has also discussed programme councils, a report why students are applying to SU, and language requirements regarding quality assurance.

d. Department & Section Committees

No reports.

The meeting is adjourned between 17:25 and 17:31.

4. The corona pandemic and its consequences.

a. Undergraduate students' situation

Elis reports that the situation has not changed drastically and that it looks like the spring semester will be more or less the same as now.

b. PhD students' situation

Victor reports that he has not much to add. The survey about PhD students and the pandemic is still up.

c. The letter from CDR to the university board.

Pil asks all PhD student councils and representatives that have comments on the letter to let CDR know.

d. The ISP situation

Pil encourages all PhD student councils to ask their departments if they are using the finalized ISP template from the faculty or not.

5. The positions NFR nominates for:

Next meeting, on the 30th of November, is the annual meeting. The presidium is working on sending out a document with information about all the positions, what they entail and what they require in terms of language, education etc.



a. How the presidium will look

Pil says that the structure will most likely change again. Next year, if the working directives are changed, there will be three vice-chairs: one with secretary responsibilities, one that coordinates the representatives in Grundutbildningsberedningen, and one that coordinates the representatives in Områdesnämnden. The chair and the secretary will be in contact with SUS. Everyone is welcome with all sorts of questions. Note that no one in the incumbent presidium will run for reelection, however SUS has promised to give a seminar on how to run a meeting so no previous chairing experiences will be needed for any of the positions.

b. How the meeting will run

The meeting will be a hybrid meeting, taking place both online and in a lecture hall.

6. Information from student- and PhD-councils

Nothing to share.

7. Other

No other questions.

8. Meeting closed

Pil closes the meeting at 17:51.

Pil Maria Saugmann,
Chair

Oskar Nyberg,
Adjustor

Elis Wibacke,
Secretary



Appendices

I. Reports

The following online reports from NFR representatives in committees at the Faculty of Science were handed in prior to the meeting:

Grundutbildningsberedningen (GB)

Report by Linnea Andersson

Last meeting: 28/9 2020

- Concerning Covid-19 and distance learning: If FHM changes the restrictions from 50 to 500 people for sports/culture events this could also apply for Stockholm's university. Both the principle and the student union advice that the courses should be held as they were planned and as it where communicated to the students. So, no sudden changes if not necessary.
- Concerning the budget: o Matematiska institutionen and Institutionen för geovetenskaper are over producing o Biologiska institutionen, Kemiska och MND have a small under production o Basåret (the base year? To qualify for the bachelor's at the Science faculty), that has started now HT20, will probably only be founded for two years, 20/21 and 21/22, given that's the founding it got in the budget proposal that came in September from the government.
- Program councils were discussed, and GB are positive to having them and collecting opinions and thoughts about how things are working out and about changes the departments are making. How will they be established and if they will have any "power" towards their department is not really decided upon yet. They will take care of the program-valuations when they are used.
- Concerning some sort of report about students that apply and choose to study at SU:
 - o Students from homes with study experience takes bigger risks when they choose their education. Therefore, there is a need for secure and stable educations with a strong connection to the working life and the employment market.
 - o Stockholm's university's website isn't that inspiring. Key words they want to focus on are: Rank, prestige, identity, environment, sustainable growth.



- o Proposal for surveys for new students, to keep track of what recruitment efforts that worked and the student population.
- o SU should participate at Järvaveckan etc.
- o Collaborate with Girls in STEM and possibly other groups to recruit lesser represented student groups. The representation varies over different programs.
- Language policy for Program evaluations (Utbildningsgranskningar) – they will be held in English if the reviewed program’s main language is English. Both in the working groups and the written report. Suggestions for decisions about measurements (beslut om åtgärder) will be written in Swedish. Measurements groups (Åtgärdsgruppen) meetings will be held in Swedish most of the time. This will open up for English speaking students to participate in this work.

Centrala doktorandrådet (CDR)

Report by Hari Nair

Last meeting: 7/10 2020

- Covid-19 pandemic situation and related problems faced by PhD students was discussed. How to make the social life and introduction of new PhD students more good? Discussions about upcoming CDR elections also happened.
- 1) CDR finalised the draft response letter to the University board decision regarding prolongation of PhD students. It was decided to circulate this letter to all PhD councils for informing that CDR is taking necessary steps.
- 2) It was decided that negotiation of prolongation needs to be continued with the involvement of Union and the chair of CDR will contact the Union for updates.
- 3) A draft template for students regarding how COVID-19 pandemic has affected them was finalised and decided to circulate it to all students to collect their feedback. After receiving the feedback a final version will be circulated to all departments and councils to add it to their annual review.

Docentberedningen

Report by Eike Müller

Last meeting: 19/10 2020



- All 5 new applications were approved and will get evaluated by experts. All 4 new expert opinions on older applications were evaluated; they were positive and the candidates are cleared to give their docentföreläsning.

Forskarutbildningsberedningen

Report by Frida Niss

Last meeting: 25/8 2020

- The digital ISPs should be ready soon, but are not yet.
- Addendum to ISPs about the effect of the corona virus pandemic will be ready before next meeting. This addendum can be used as a reference for decisions about potential prolongations, if the student has been too obstructed to finish their work on time for defence.

Befordringsnämnden

Report by Erik Thorsén

Last meeting: 15/6 2020

- 2 Promotions. One from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor and one Associate Professor to Professor

Läraryörelagsnämnden (Geo och miljö)

Report by John Hader

Last meeting: 16/6 2020

- Which candidates to invite for in-person interviews for the "Natur- och miljövård hållbar utveckling" position.

Stipendieberedningen

Report by Patrick Bryant

Last meeting: 28/5 2020

- There was money over for the organic chemistry section. There are many stipends to search, and all available money is often not distributed.



II. Working groups with student representations

Ordinary positions

All vacant positions for ordinary groups and committees are found at the NFR site at sus.su.se (<https://sus.su.se/rad-och-natverk/nfr>).

Different kinds of evaluations

GB - the following two working groups need a student representative each. The representatives need to understand Swedish:

- Regarding programme evaluations: This group will create a proposal about how programme evaluations (as a complement to the mandatory course evaluations) at the faculty might look. This group has had its first meeting already.
- Regarding hosting the programme and a programme council for the Bachelor's programme in Nutrition. A representative who studies or have previously studied Nutrition is preferable. This group awaits a student representative before they have their first meeting but can't wait much longer.

Granskningsgrupp för forskarutbildning i miljövetenskap / Evaluation of research education in Environmental Sciences

- The evaluation group needs a PhD student representative, preferably a PhD student in some other field than Environmental Sciences in order to get an external perspective. The aim of the group is to write a report.

New groups:

CIVIS

- CIVIS is a European university alliance formed between Stockholm University and seven other universities (Brussels, Aix-Marseille, Madrid, Rome, Athens, Bucharest, and Tübingen). One aim is to collaborate on education. The hub council for the CIVIS hub "Environment, Climate, Energy" will go through applications on collaborative projects in this field from all the different



universities and propose to the governing body of CIVIS which activities will be approved. The group has had a few meetings already and will continue to meet about 3 times per semester. A student representative is already elected by GÄR but a PhD student representative is needed as well. Since many departments at the faculty are relevant for this field, this should be a decision for NFR. The language of the group is English. Normal prolongation rules apply.

SUCCeSS

- A brand new centre belonging to MMK - Stockholm University Center for Circular and Sustainable Systems - will need a PhD student representative on the board.
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Nominations through CDR

REBUS: See attachment to the calling.

Stockholm Trio

- Stockholm Trio is a university alliance between SU, KTH and KI and has formed a working group for research education. The focus of the group is to collaborate on PhD courses and make resources accessible for PhD students. The language of the group is Swedish as of now.