

Agenda – Science Faculty Council

1st February, kl. 16.30 - 19.00,

1. Opening of the meeting

a. Round of presentation

Present: Kevin Dorst (NFR Chair, OK), Alexandre Adler(NFR VC, Fysikum), Anne Christine (GB, ON), Oskar Nyberg (DEEP), Frida Holmahl (SUS ombudsman), Nora Bergfelt (NFR VC, AU), Latifa Amini (NFR VC), Nadia Flodgren (FB), Jonathan Wiskandt (MISU), Hari Nair (CDR vice-chair, ACES), David Sundelin (ON), Abraham (MND), Eleonor Ryberg (Climate Research School), Leila Hussein (FÄR)

b. Election of chairperson

Kevin volunteers

c. Election of secretary

Alex volunteers

d. Election of adjuster

Nora volunteers

e. Approval of the agenda

The agenda is approved

f. Approval of last meeting's minutes

The minutes are accepted

g. Co adjungation

Nothing to report here

h. Information from SUS

Frida: New webpage. CSR officially launched, next meeting 17th February 2021, NFR still can nominate 1 Ordinary and 2 Secondary members. SUS complained to Parliamentary Ombudsman that disciplinary board decisions are insufficiently motivated to students and that appeals are extremely difficult. Producing more content on "how to" about the university by the student ombudsman.

2. Concerning NFR's representation

a. Nominated since last meeting:

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Aswathy Kallazhi is nominated to the stipend committee.

b. Climate Research School

There is an advisory board at the climate research school, which is part of the Bolin Centre from last year. Eleonor asks how the next student representatives there are nominated and elected. Relevant department will raise the matter in their councils.

c. Open election

i) Ordinary groups:

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>).

Some positions are still open to be filled. Kevin says to contact our councils to find Swedish speaking candidates at section level.

ii) Groups within the quality assurance system:

3. **Reports from NFR representatives**

a. Central PhD-Council

Hari reports on the first meeting of the year. Covid-19 main priority of the year, with a focus on obtaining prolongation for the PhD students.

b. Faculty Board & Arbetsutskottet

Nora went to an AU meeting. Big increase in PhD students applying for prolongation. She encourages students to apply for prolongation. Abraham asks if there are modifications to how to apply for prolongation; Kevin says it hasn't changed and Nora says it still needs to be discussed with supervisors before applying. Changes to requirements to apply to pedagogy track. Lot of new people joining the faculty board as it is the start of a three-year period. AC says they are trying to start councils for specific programs to cater to undergraduate and master's students, since councils are not very active. SUS will need to collaborate with these new councils.

c. Grundutbildningsberedningen

Linnea sent an email with a document about the meeting. On the bachelor's level, there are several programs that give out the exact same degree, like two programs that give a biology bachelor. Linea and GB ask us if the name of the program matters more than the name of the degree for students. The general consensus here is that for a bachelor's and work opportunities it's good to have

a broad degree name, but maybe master's degrees benefit from specialized names when applying to PhDs.

d. Department & Section Committees

No reports.

4. Discussion

a. What should the NFR presidium or NFR in general focus on during 2021?

Last year's presidium worked on COVID, language barriers, and engaging undergraduates with NFR. The new presidium thinks these are all worthy goals to work on.

Jonathan says that there has been a lot of complaining at MISU about online teaching, says it might be common to many departments: Zoom, tablets to teach... Technical equipment and pedagogy need to progress if the online teaching will continue. CEUL should hold more frequent workshops. AC talks about the use of polls to help with interactive teaching. Councils should discuss it.

Discussion on salaries: a raise is coming aligning our final year salaries with Uppsala.

b. GB working group on a new grading scale

Some departments want to get to failed/completed/well completed for thesis work. AC says some departments adapted it for all classes at Goteborg.

5. Information from student- and PhD-councils

Nothing to report.

6. Other

MISU/Fysikum merger group nominated the department head of MISU to chair that group.

7. Meeting closed