



Minutes from the Central PhD council (CDR)

Meeting nr 2, 2020

Monday 9th of March, 11:00-13:00, Nobelrummet, Studenthuset,

Present

Elica Ghavidel Rostam, (JFR)

Conrad Bakka, (HFR)

Maryann Tan, (HFR)

Hari Nair, (NFR)

Pascal Meier, (NFR)

Rebecca Bengtsson, (SFR)

Clàudia Figueras, (SFR)

Cecilia Bergqvist, (Co-opted REBUS)

Jonas Eklund, PhD student ombudsman, secretary of CDR

§ 1. Formalities

a. Opening of meeting

The meeting was declared open at 11:06 pm.

b. Election of chairperson for the meeting

Rebecca, was elected chairperson of the meeting.

c. Election of verifier

Pascal, was elected, together with the chairperson of the meeting, to verify the minutes.



d. Co-option

Cecilia Bergqvist was co-opted.

e. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved.

f. Previous minutes

The approval of the previous minutes was postponed until next meeting.

§ 2. Reports

a. University board

Pil written rapport from the board. Some members of the board will be changed as their term is coming to an end.

Quality assessment is being discussed but it is unclear if this affect the PhD students.

The staff needs to do better on reporting "bissylor" in the system as they are obliged to do. It seems like the information on the importance of this is not working.

The number of stipend students have been presented. However, these numbers do not add up with the data on UKÄs web. The mapping of the stipend PhD students needs to continue.

b. Humanities Faculty Council (HFR)

Conrad informs from the latest meeting.

c. Social Sciences Faculty Council (SFR)

No report, and Rebecca is not in SFR at the moment.

d. Law Faculty Council (JFR)

Elica reports from the latest meeting.

e. Natural Science Faculty Council (NFR)

Hari informed from the last meeting.



f. The Student Union (SUS)

Jonas informs on the handbook project that is going on.

g. The Swedish National Union of Students Doctoral Committee (SFS-DK)

No report. Jonas will look into who is our representative, and when the election is taking place.

h. Others

Cecilia informs from REBUS. In the Natural science faculty, rules for licentiate degrees are reviewed.

The area board at the N-area has now decided not to accept students for the subject teacher program HT-20 (as the quality is questioned).

UKÄ has been assigned the task of mapping student's health, including mental health, because student is less happy than people working (in the same age span 18-29 years). Deadline 2020-12-31.

UKÄ also proposes a national strategy for digitizing higher education and research but give the responsibility to the universities to advance their own educational development with inspiration from UKÄs national summary report.

The work on the Course evaluation system has been stopped and the IT department has been given a new assignment to develop a new plan for the development work. This will affect the time for when this system is ready to use.

REBUS discussed a draft on the document "Rules and procedure for establishing and phasing out education". For example, when is it time to close down a course? What rights do PhD students have after their program is cancelled, how many years after can they take exam? This document is under process.



SU's new quality assurance system will be evaluated this year by UKÄ. Results will be presented in the fall 2021.

UKÄ will evaluate 3 PhD programs this year in Sweden: Analytical chemistry (MMK), Physical chemistry (MMK) and Organic chemistry (Department of Organic chemistry).

Pil sent report from meeting with Stockholm PhDs.

The bylaws of the new collaboration are not inline with CDR as a part of SUS, and therefore cannot be signed. CDR should continue to collaborate but are saying no to formalizing a new organization with the right to make statement in the name of its members.

§ 3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair of CDR

a. Election of Chair

Rebecca Bengtsson was elected Chair of CDR.

b. Election of Vice Chair

Pascal Meier was elected Vice Chair of CDR.

§ 4. Nominations

a. Nominations for the University Board

Rebecca Bengtsson and Pascal Meier will be nominated for the University Board. Who is going to be ordinary representative and who will be the substitute will be decided between them.

b. Vacant position

Still vacant positions in ON, BUF, RALV, Hörande församling, Ethics.

§ 5. CDR rules and procedures

Nothing to add.

§ 6. CDR annual plan

The upcoming plan for 2020 needs to be further discussed, and well anchored with chair and vice chair.

Potential focus areas and earlier discussions in CDR was brought up. The focus for the semester will be on international PhD students. For the next meeting the members should bring specific areas or topics were progress might be possible.

§ 7. Discussion on issues raised by local PhD councils

Nothing to discuss.

§ 8. Next meeting

A doodle will be sent out for next meeting.

§ 9. Miscellaneous

Nothing to discuss.

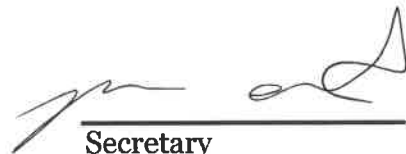
§ 10. Closing of the meeting

The meeting was closed at 12:51 pm.



Chair of meeting

Rebecca Bengtsson



Secretary

Jonas Eklund



Verifier

Pascal Meier