

Minutes from the Central PhD council (CDR)

Meeting nr 5, 2020

Wednesday 8th of June, 13:00-15:00, Zoom, online meeting.

Present

Chair, Rebecca Bengtsson, (SFR), Psychology department

Vice Chair, Pascal Meier, (NFR)

Hari Nair, (NFR)

Anna Horn, (JFR)

Conrad Bakka, (HFR)

Maryann Tan, (HFR)

Clàudia Figueras, (SFR)

Jonas Eklund, PhD student ombudsman, secretary of CDR

§ 1. Formalities

a. Opening of meeting

The meeting was declared open at 13:03 pm.

b. Election of verifier

Hari, was elected, together with the Chair to verify the minutes.

c. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved.

d. Co-option

No co-option.

e. Previous minutes

The previous minutes was approved.

§ 2. Reports

a. University board

Rebecca, the statement on Covid 19 was sent Monday the 1th of June. Astrid have acknowledged the statement at the university board meeting that was held on Friday 5th of June, and insures that they are taking the situation seriously. The statement caused no surprise, and these concerns are being discussed at different levels at SU. A formal decision is coming this week (week 24). This will not include any general compensation. But instead, the individual study plan will have a special section where the delay or “cost” of Covid19 will be declared. The responsibility to make sure this is filled out will be on the department and not on the individual PhD student.

Finally, the stipend PhD student will be mapped out at university.

b. Humanities Faculty Council (HFR)

Conrad, HFR had a meeting end of May. A new chair has been elected. Concerning Covid 19, there was a follow up on earlier discussion about conducting a survey. But the SFS survey might be sufficient. Otherwise there was one person in HFR who was willing to work with a survey.

The Studiebevakare from SUS informed on a new organization of SUS.

c. Social Sciences Faculty Council (SFR)

Claudia, main discussion at last meeting was the statement on Covid 19. Other part of discussions were on the personal experience of the situation.

The survey at DSV on online education is not analyzed yet.

d. Law Faculty Council (JFR)

Anna, JFR had a meeting last week and they have a new chair. This will be Annas last meeting in CDR. The Covid 19 survey at the department is done. Anna will forward it. Many of the PhD students at the department is struggling with the social side of being home. There are also problems with the work environment at home. They also discuss the delay of research and missing out on opportunities of conferences and such.

e. Natural Science Faculty Council (NFR)

Pascal, at natural science faculty there is a discussion on clarifying which boards and councils that is English speaking in order to open up for more non-Swedish speaking students to be representatives, Swedish is “myndighetsspråk” and in some boards Swedish have to be the official language.

f. The Student Union (SUS)

Jonas, informed that an organizational change is coming in SUS. This effect the staff and some tasks and responsibilities might be handled differently. More information will come in the beginning of next semester.

Jonas also informs that he will be leaving his job as a PHD student ombudsman and step down as secretary of CDR. This will be Jonas last meeting.

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

No report.

h. Others

No report.

§ 3. Nominations

a. Vacant position

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

Cecilia will leave her position in REBUS in October.

§ 4. CDR rules and procedures

Nothing to add. For future agendas the CDR rules and procedures will be taken out and only be included when needed.

§ 5. CDR annual plan

a. *The COVID-19 situation – how to move forward?*

Anna, asks on how to proceed after the official decision has come from SU. There is also the problem with the library, and when is it going to open again? It is difficult to find information.

Pascal, informs that the government opens for opening universities this summer. SU still have no formal decision on their plan.

Library should be open more. Other universities have still open library.

Maryann, it is a big problem for PhD students that the library is not open.

Rebecca and Pascal will contact the library and see if there is other possibilities to have better access.

i. Team up with SFS-DK

Rebecca, ask if we should start discussion with SFS, to share experiences and collaborate on solutions.

Conrad, SFS report is good, and there are some good suggestions that we should consider when it comes to the system for being compensated.

We should continue a dialogue with SFS on Covid 19.

ii. Union ST will try to negotiate with SU

Rebecca, have been in contact with Sandra at ST who are starting discussions on compensations with SU. ST suggest 6 days for first month, + 2 for each following month. As a baseline of general compensation. And on top of that there will be further individual compensation.

CDR is open to collaborate with ST and keep a dialogue on the covid 19 compensation. For now, and as a baseline compensation, CDR are happy to part with STs claim.

b. Stipend PhD students

Pascal is waiting for official numbers on stipend PhD students.
These will be sent out to members of CDR.

§ 7. Discussion on issues raised by local PhD councils

a. “Compensation for learning Swedish”?

No progress in this issue during the spring. Bad timing due to Covid 19.
Jonas will discuss with SUS on how to proceed on this matter.

§ 8. Next meeting

A doodle will be sent out for next meeting that is planned for
September.

§ 9. Miscellaneous

a. Presentation of the CDR. (Rebecca)

Members of CDR will look into it.

b. Wordpress who has access?

Jonas will ask Pil, and change information on webpage.

c. CDR on SUS webpage not being updated.

Jonas have had problems with accessing the editing of webpage.
Will edit as soon as possible.

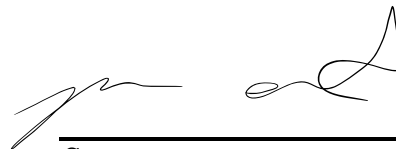
§ 10. Closing of the meeting

The meeting was closed at 14:59 pm.

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Chair of CDR

Rebecca Bengtsson

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Secretary

Jonas Eklund

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Verifier

Hari Nair