

Date: 2022-09-29
Time: 14:00-1600
Place: Kårsalen

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Attendees: Giada Brighi, Rebecca Borg, Tesfaye Ayele, Kristine Dalby, Carl Tjernell, Sherry Israel, Magnus Ahltoorp, and Hermela Embaye.

Protocol

1. Open the meeting.
Meeting officially started at 14:06.
2. Assign adjuster.
Tesfaye Ayele was nominated as adjuster.
3. Assign an interpreter
No interpreter was nominated.
4. Approve meeting agenda.
The meeting approved the agenda with the addition of the decision point 8.6 - Operations funding.
5. Review of HFR's previous meeting minutes/protocol.
The previous meeting's protocol was approved.
6. Information points
 - 6.1. Information on any pertinent, relevant, or interesting emails received by HFR
HFR has received an email about a visual concert.
 - 6.2. Information from SUS
 - SUS will launch a new period for application for funding that will last until October 25th.
 - Usually, there are four ombudsmen at SUS, but right now they are only two. Next week, Madicken, a new ombudsman will start to work, but SUS are still looking for a fourth person
 - The study environment and equality network will have a meeting October 10th.
 - Carl reminds the meeting of that the councils can book meeting rooms at SUS office, but recommends to be out in good time.
 - Carl attended a meeting with the study counselors at the faculty. The meeting focused a lot on Student influence. They discussed the

issue that few international students can become student representatives because a lot of the decision making and preparatory groups are in Swedish. This is something that the Swedish higher education authority has criticized SU for. They also discussed issues when it comes to distance education. Right now, there is an issue where it's ok to write in course syllabuses that the education can be on campus or online. SUS believes that this gives a lot of flexibility for the teachers, but makes it harder for students to plan their education, for example they don't know if they need to move to Stockholm to take part of the education. Finally, we also discussed about one of SUS' prioritized advocacy issues- pedagogical support- we want the process to be more centralized, and most of the study counselors agreed even though there were some debate about it.

6.3. Information from the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities

The last Dean meeting was on the 27th of September.

- PhD students have their own dialogue meetings with the directors and head of their respective departments to voice their issues to the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities. The board of HFR will only meet with the dean every two months from the autumn 2022 semester.
- There has been a lot of theft and because of this, a lot of equipment is missing. One of the solutions that they are thinking about is locking the lecture halls.
- There are plans to convene all teaching students to a single building as currently they are split to different buildings. The university is currently looking for one big building to house them.

6.3.1. Item to discuss or clarify at the next meeting with the Dean.

- Follow up on history department sick leave.

6.4. Central PhD council (CDR)

The report from our student representative Maryann stated that SUS's plans for advocacy for the upcoming academic year are:

- Increased standardisation for salaries.
- To prioritise student finances, sustainability of activities, and student health.
- Smaller budget as grants for student activities.
- Step up activities that push for better provisions for PhD students that have been affected by the Aliens Act.

6.5. Central Student council (CSR)

CSR wanted HFR to discuss the following topics:

- The future status of Allhuset
- Feedback to the Athenagroup



- Ideas for working with the prioritized advocacy issues 22/23
- 6.6. Humanities Faculty Board
The last meeting in the Spring was about sustainability. To reach the goals of the UN's Agenda 2030, Stockholm University will work actively through education. There has been a report from the vice dean about sustainability and education. The responses to this report have been weak. The ethical and the moral issues of worsening the environment, sustainability should be incorporated in the education. HFB agrees that the environment is also an issue for the Humanities and should not just be moved to the Natural sciences. The student representative thinks that HFR should push for this.
 - 6.7. Academic Appointment Board – Historical and Philosophical Subjects
They are going to have another meeting about another teaching position in Global Studies. At the last one they talked about making gender more equally represented among the professors, but there's laws in Sweden against hiring someone based on their gender.
 - 6.8. Academic Appointment Board – Language Science Subjects
There seems to be extremely few people who have doctorates in Language Science subjects so you can't ask for much in the recruitment process. It's a 70% teaching position, so it is necessary that the applicant has experience outside of their doctorate. The student representative will try to raise the issue of pedagogy since there's candidates who are experienced in research but not as much in pedagogy. If you are applying for the job as a junior lecturer, it's okay if you don't have as much experience in teaching, but if you're applying for the job as a senior lecturer, it's necessary.
 - 6.9. Committee for Budgetary Management
The student representative was not present.
 - 6.10. Språkstudion Reference Group
The student representatives were not present.
 - 6.11. Board for Education and Quality (HUGO)
The student representative has not attended any meetings because they have not received any e-mails.
 - 6.12. The centre for Indo-European Languages and Cultural Studies.
No student representative has been elected for this council.

7. Discussion points

7.1. PhD student group

7.1.1. Salary increment

- The current criteria for salary increment is that a PhD student has to complete 50% of their studies. However, the criteria can be quite vague and not only differs from department to department but also research projects. PhD in the Faculty of Humanities would prefer a standardised criteria just like the science faculties.

7.1.2. Ethical vetting

- Journalism students were informed that they didn't need ethical vetting, but it turned out that they did which caused a lot of stress and time wasted that could be used to prepare for the ethical vetting (4-5 months). The ethical vetting has gotten more rigorous and a new collective agreement will be negotiated next year.

7.2. Masters and Bachelor's student group

- Renovate it to make it more inviting, a student may not even know they can enter the place.
- The food choices for student on campus are pretty slim, also, nothing was open around the holidays when students had to be on campus for hours to take an exam.
- Outside of the student club's houses like "Gula villan", there are no places for students to congregate and to do activities, Studenthuset is too small for activities. Meeting other students are pretty impossible at SU since there is not many activities. It's very student-driven, maybe they need someone hired by the university that leads them.
- Different teachers do things very differently in Athena, teachers should adjust to a guide or a method on how to use Athena and share content. Sometimes the courses pages on Athena are not updated with documents related to the current course.

8. Decision points (Elections and notice of available positions)

8.1. Secretary of HFR

No one was elected.

8.2. Committee for Budgetary Management (2 positions)

No one was elected.

8.3. Språkstudion Reference Group (1 position)

No one was elected.

8.4. Centre for Indo-European Languages and Cultural Studies (1 position)

No one was elected.

8.5. Central PhD student council CDR (1 position)



No one was elected.

8.6. Operations funding

The meeting voted for HFR applying for operational funding.

9. Other questions

No other questions.

10. End of meeting

Meeting is adjourned at 16:10.

Sherry Israel

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Chairperson

Hermela Embaye

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Carl Tjenell

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SUS Ombudsman

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