

Meeting minutes: DS Board Meeting #VT23-3, 2023-01-26

Time: 12.00 - 15.00

Place: TME Room Korsvägen V2 - 2456, Teams

§1. Election of meeting officials and approval of agenda

Chair – Daniel

Secretary – Paul

Reviewer – Angelica

The agenda of the board meeting was presented and approved by the board.

§2. Meeting notice

Decision: Meeting notice was in due order.

§3. Minutes from previous meeting

Decision: Minutes approved.

§4. Notification of decision on Plan of Operations

The Plan of Operations was approved per Capsulam.

§5. General Assembly

The next General Assembly will take place April 20, 12-13. The place is to be announced.

§6. Reports from tasks

Central protection committee: *brief update on improved accident reporting with inclusion of psychological aspects*

Climate strategy: *waiting for the release of Chalmers sustainability report now at the end of Jan (hopefully!) so work can commence.*

DOMB: *DOMB report will be finalized at some point in February.*

DS development: *Presentation of suggestions for new DS board working structure. Leave feedback in the document on DS Cloud.*

DS IT: *Process of server moving mostly done. Important to answer the poll about which software you use, unused software will be removed. Updates in progress. Some downtime due to maintenance in the future, watch out for notifications.*

Faculty council: *Short update regarding the situation with GENIE. System to notify us about open positions does not exist, it is only announced on the intranet. Talk about moving to one campus – Student Union already involved in this.*

Focus equality: *some updates from JK (Angelica)*

Chalmers has approved a new Gender Equality Plan, for now only available in Swedish.

DrGenie representatives will get reimbursed up to 10% working time as departmental work.

Chalmers has decided to not continue being a sponsor for WestPride because it was expensive and very few employees joined the parade. A work group is creating alternatives where the money can be used more efficiently to improve equality and diversity.

FUN: *Full day conference: Topics gender-based harassment, supervisor development, PhD courses*

Presented DOMB report draft, in next meeting PhD survey

Local PhD council reach-out: *Meeting with the council chairs today. Report next time.*

PhD Alumni event: *Good to nominate alumni that could be invited to talk. The event will be on March 24.*

PhD survey: *Presentation of the results by Ariadna. Action points in the presentation to be followed up in local councils/representation role.*

A short report on the results to be prepared which can be published on our website. Results to be made available online.

PhD Webinar: *Upcoming seminar about well-being by DearAcademia. Seminar with Chalmers Ventures was successful, more seminars planned.*

Research misconduct: *Difficult to find suitable representatives, because they need to speak Swedish and long duration of task.*

SACO: *Lunch-to-lunch in December. Unions said our salary is not connected to inflation, so no compensation for current increases in prices. New salary negotiations will start up soon.*

Social activities: *12.11 PhD hike, 12.16 DS Christmas Night, 01.14 Taekwondo tryout. Contact with Chalmers Venture and Chalmers Entrepreneurship Village.*

Work group on gender-based discrimination: *come up with a work description for the group and discuss with DS development if it should continue to be a part of DS in the future; prepare a “work-place culture first responder”/bystander training seminar; follow up results from the prevalence study e.g. in our survey. The work group is responsible for coordinating what DS is doing on the topic of equality and coming up with suggestions. Feedback is welcome even between the meetings.*

Please coordinate new activities with the vice-chair before you start planning them to ensure there are sufficient funds.

§7. Round the table – important news from the departments

Bio: Name to be changed to Life.

SEE: New PhD seminar about climate change.

§8. Upcoming board meetings

Next meeting March 30, 12:00 – 15:00.

Time maybe adjusted slightly to follow feedback about having/not having the meeting as a lunch meeting.

§9. Other matters

A lot of problems with the migration agency. Even normal renewals are extremely slow. A work group is formed to send out a survey to all PhD students and follow up, t.ex. to media.

§10. Actions for next meeting

Discussions should be kept alive even between the feedbacks. Give feedback to emails.

§11. Closing the meeting

Meeting closed at 15:09.