

CPPC board meeting 2020-04-02

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Participants to the meeting Adriana Canales Ramons, Mathias Hoppe, Sara Nilsson, Nitesh Raj Jaladurgam. Konstantinos Papadopoulos was absent.

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1 Opening

The meeting was opened by Sara. Mathias was made secretary.

2 Establish agenda

The proposed agenda was approved by the board.

3 Follow up on previous meeting

- FFF has their own section on the intranet now, which is shown alongside our info page.
- The workshop organized by DOMB with Deborah Rupert has been postponed indefinitely.

4 Updating on the corona/work situation

- No apparent issues brought up so far.

- It's important to try to maintain social connections with colleagues during the shutdown! Zoom fika sessions seems to be a good and popular way of doing so.

5 DS survey results

- Interaction between supervisors and female students at Physics is consistently worse than at other departments.
- Students at Physics believe they will be strongly affected (4-5/5) by the Chalmers financial situation. Lack of official information may play a role (most information has spread through rumors). Perhaps also that Physics imposed harsher measures than some other departments.
- About 20% of Physics students do not know who their line manager is. *Could it be a terminology issue? That people actually know who their line manager is, but that they don't know what the title "line manager" means.*
- The result for *"I feel that there is an atmosphere of openness and trust in my research team"* stands out very negatively among female Physics PhD students.
- PhD students are confident in the work that CPPC and DS do.
- Students in general at Chalmers are not sure where to seek help (at Chalmers) when experiencing mental illness.
- 58% of Physics students have experienced sleep abnormalities during the past year (55% at Chalmers overall).

We will wait until final results to confirm trends, and then bring up issues with Thomas and Lena (after receiving permission from DS).

We could put up some "answers to common questions" based on the DS poll on the TV screens.

6 Accounting non-Chalmers courses as GTS courses

The course "Visualize your science" (which is an external course) can now give GTS credits. This could be applicable to other external courses that agree with the GTS curriculum, but this has to be approved by Lena separately in each case.

7 DS chat

Nitesh has set up a CPPC channel in the DS chat tool and invited Adriana, Mathias and Sara.

8 Other matters

- Issues have come up with students agreeing with their examiners to account for certain courses in the ISP, but as the credits were not registered in Ladok at the time, the examiner changed their mind towards the end of the PhD. **Sara will bring this issue up with Lena and try to clarify what the rules should be.**

9 Next meeting

The next CPPC board meeting will be held on the 5th of May at 13:00.