

CPPC board meeting 2020-06-08

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1 Opening

The meeting was opened by Sara Nilsson. Nitesh was made secretary. Meeting was attended by Sara Nilsson, Adriana Canales Ramos, Nitesh Raj Jaladurgam, Mathias Hoppe.

2 Agenda

The agenda was approved by the board.

3 Follow up of last meeting

About DS survey results, Nitesh contacted the DS survey team and the results were made available for everyone in public domain (Link). Further analysis of results will be done only on request and need basis. Sara has sent an email to Lena about introduction day and yet to hear from her. Sara also contacted Thomas to know if he has heard any solutions from line managers and yet to receive the reply.

4 Follow-up of Covid-19

Sara has shared the results of Covid-19 survey answered by Physics PhD students to Thomas. Thomas has asked all division managers to contact/have meeting with their PhD students to discuss on the problems during these times. Mathias mentioned that his

division has suggested some solutions to stick with working hours, simulate the commute process as a routine and other ideas to improve work efficiency. Adriana's group had suggested making forums to discuss the issues, also taking care of post-docs. Nitesh's group has asked people come forward if they've problems to discuss and free to suggest the solutions. Sara had similar discussion in her division meetings. After summer, the labs will be open for bachelor and masters courses and the risk assessments are mandatory in view of Covid-19. However risk assessment responsibility is yet to know, possibility study director will help the teachers in guiding through it.

5 Response from Thomas

Sara has shared the Covid-19 survey with Thomas and his response was great. He contacted all division managers to discuss the results of survey with PhD students. He's also concerned about the responses of female PhD students. Team working on Equality will start working later summer, CPPC would be part of it. DS board has conducted a webinar on 'Coping under Covid', mainly on taking care of physical and mental health during these strange times. Sara has suggested similar workshop for Physics PhD student to Thomas and yet to hear from him.

6 Report from Economy in balance information meeting

In context of economy in balance at Physics, all researchers will continue to work with no immediate renewals. PhD students are not expected to be directly affected by the plan, and the hopefully any potential indirect effects will be limited. Although, new positions can be advertised and recruitments can be done based on the funding procurement including the overhead costs for the respective positions. Chalmers President Stefan Bengtsson will address the ZOOM meetings about economy in balance during this week.

7 Report from DS General Assembly

Christopher Sauer from Chemistry was elected as Chair and Yasaman Dabirian from Biology as Vice-Chair. Ananda (previous chair 2019-2020) had presented the work carried out during his term, focussing mainly on ESP, DS out reach and recent webinar on Coping under Covid-19. The election process went fairly well and about 80+ PhD student took part in the voting process. Adriana recollected some of the interesting questions during the webinar and most of which needs kind of validation from webinar hosts that they're not alone with similar concerns. DS board has paid for webinar and doesn't have money/plans yet to conduct the same workshop yearly. DS has asked student union to fund the same and yet to receive the reply. CPPC can ask funding from Thomas for physics to conduct similar workshops.

8 Other matters

Mathias recollected about ESP meeting last week. He said ESP has been reviewed in mini viable product stage. It is under development towards forming a platform to test completely. ESP is planned to implement by next summer. Few development like removing unnecessary things and automatic filling of courses from Ladok are appreciated. Later, the communication tools for students and supervisor will be implemented in ESP based

on the funding in future. Mathias will attend next departmental advisory meeting, which will be mainly on economy in balance and covid-19 situation.

9 Next meeting

The next CPPC meeting will be held on the 1st of September, 13.00 in Zoom.