

CPPC board meeting 2020-12-07

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1 Opening

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

2 Establish agenda

The proposed agenda was approved by the board.

3 Welcome to the new board

(i) Everyone introduces themselves

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(ii) Vote for vice-chair

Adriana proposes that Mathias will be vice-chair for 2021. The board elected Mathias as vice-chair.

(iii) Follow-up on previous meeting

Adriana is preparing an email for the Genie project leaders.

Sara mentions that the chair of the faculty assembly, Tünde Fülöp, may be in touch with us and ask us to present results from the DS survey (among other things). In the meeting between Sara and Tünde, Tünde mentioned that she had had access to a mentorship program for female PhD students when she was a PhD student. This is something that would likely be desired by female PhD students at Physics. Genie supposedly has some such mentorship program, but information seems to not have reached as far as desired (and it is somewhat unclear how the mentorship program works). Andrea also mentions that there is a mentorship program at the Department of Physics aimed at postdocs and early-career researchers.

4 Advisory board meeting

Several topics were discussed at the last advisory board meeting. The topic of most interest to the CPPC was related to the Chalmers employee survey, for which detailed results had just been received. Thomas's early analysis revealed great improvements to the responses of female PhD students, compared to last year. Last year the survey showed that female PhD students had a much worse view of their work place than their male colleagues. It remains unclear why this is the case, and whether this corresponds to an actual improvement in the work situation. This year's survey had 9 female PhD student respondents. Some questions of the survey saw an improvement in grade by more than 20 percentage points. Considering the results of the last DS survey, conducted during the spring of 2020, which showed similar results as last year's employee survey, the results are surprising. Thomas would like to follow up the results with CPPC during 2021.

5 CPPC + DS General Assembly

(i) Genie PhD student representative

The DS suggests that each DS chapter should have a representative in a Genie council. **We should therefore find one representative from Physics.** The purpose of the new group is probably to discuss what actions can be taken at Chalmers within Genie.

(ii) CPPC web page

Andrea will manage the CPPC website. Nitesh will provide the details of how to do it.

(iii) DS chat

CPPC has a channel on the DSChat platform which we could try to use to communicate. The channel can be accessed via a web browser or using the Mattermost app.

(iv) Future topics

The old and new boards agree that the following topics should be followed-up on during 2021:

- Discussions with Jakob Welander regarding teaching distributions, compensation for different types of teaching.
- Teaching for non-Swedish PhD students. More nuanced question missing.
- The board should discuss what should happen when a CPPC board member disappears and submit a proposal for changing the statutes at the next CPPC General Assembly meeting.
- Continue to develop PhD intro day.

6 Local council meeting update

Adriana and Sara attended a meeting organised by DS for the various PhD council chairs around Chalmers. Adriana found the meeting very interesting and useful and will bring up several topics for discussion from this meeting at future CPPC meetings.

One of the topics discussed at the meeting was that DS is trying to put together a document to help introduce new PhD students to Chalmers. Several departments already have their own such documents which will hopefully now be centralized.

7 Other matters

No other matters were brought up.

8 Next meeting

The next CPPC board meeting will be held on January 11th at 13:00. The agenda for the meeting will (likely) be focused on the CPPC plan for 2021, and we will try to take a group picture.