

CPPC board meeting 2021-04-12

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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 Follow up on previous meetings

- Rebecka will hopefully join the local equality group at Physics. Thomas will be in touch with her.
- Adriana met with Jakob Welander. There have been several issues with the distribution of courses for the spring term, but it should hopefully work better now during the planning of the fall term.
- Jakob has created a document specifying payment for teaching together with the GU student council. **We will go through this document at our next meeting.**
- Daniel sent out the course survey that he prepared. So far there have been 17 responses. **We will ask Lena about adding a link to doctoral courses in Insidan.**
- Results of our COVID-19 survey was sent out to all students. Thomas seems to have also forwarded information around the department.

- Andrea and Björn have proposed an idea for a new “buddy system” at Physics to Lena. She has not replied yet, but Adriana and Mathias could remind her at their meeting next week.

4 Meeting with Thomas

- **COVID-19:**
 - Thomas does not expect general PhD student extensions as supported by SFS-DK (national PhD council). Will be handled on a case-by-case basis at Chalmers. He stressed the importance of noting down delays in the ISP, which has been forwarded (by us) to the students.
 - Some complaints were raised in the COVID-19 survey regarding the supposedly relaxed restrictions at Chalmers, and this was brought up with Thomas. According to Thomas the Chalmers recommendations seem to have worked well. Until recently, GU had even more relaxed recommendations which meant that more GU staff worked from their offices regularly. The GU recommendations have not changed, and since our meeting with Thomas, notes have reportedly appeared around the department.
 - We suggested that the department organise seminars about mental health, similar to what DS did last spring. Adriana forwarded information about this to Thomas.
- **Gender equality task force:**
 - Not much has been happening with the equality task force due to various issues with our HR partner(s) (sick leave and only partial staffing). Thomas will get in touch with Rebecka Rilemark (our Genie representative) and ask if she would like to join the equality group.
- **Assignment of teaching hours:**
 - Thomas agreed that there have been issues regarding teaching assignments during the fall. Hopefully the previous study director (Jonathan Weidow) will be able to help Jakob during the coming periods.
 - We mentioned that the teaching distribution problems have led to some students teaching more than desired, while some students (who would like to teach) have received no teaching.
 - Jakob seems to have ambitious ideas regarding how to improve transparency of teaching at the department. **We could invite Jakob to a CPPC meeting at some point to discuss his ideas.**
- **SFS-DK report**
 - Thomas had received and reviewed the report.
- **Seminars about mental health**
 - We mentioned the possibility of organising seminars about mental health. Thomas requested more information which Adriana sent.
- **Secretary for each division**

- There is a secretary assigned to each division. To further improve their visibility, Thomas will ask the secretaries to attend division meetings.

5 Points for meeting with Lena

- Introduction day (when will the next introduction day be held?)
- PhD buddy system
- PhD course survey
- ISP COVID-19 appendix

6 Other matters

- Several Covid cases at Physics in the last two-three weeks.
- The information about CPPC on the DS web page lists Sara as chair.
- New DS representatives are needed. Andrea is interested and will be/has been nominated.

7 Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on May 17th at 13:00 in Gather Town.