

CPPC board meeting 2021-11-16

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1 Opening

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

2 Agenda

The proposed agenda was approved by the board.

3 Follow-up on previous meeting

- **Intro Letter:** Mathias sent the last introduction letter this year. We have to assign the new student a Buddy group.
- **ISP-Covid Appendix:** The ISP-Covid Appendix documents extensions due to the pandemic. Should be discussed further in the meeting with Thomas this week.
- **DS Meeting Update:** Adriana informs about an event taking place in January, where people who have a PhD or have knowledge about PhDs, working at different industrial companies, will come and discuss their work. She also informs that the GTS courses will be reduced from 15 ECTS to 7.5 (mandatory) ECTS. There will be a possibility to still take GTS-courses worth 15 ECTS. Andrea clarifies that

the reduction from 15 mandatory credits of GTS-courses to 7.5 mandatory credits implies that the PhD students of physics would have to take another Physics course, to fulfill the requirement of 60 ECTS of coursework.

- **Teaching Document Jakob Welander:** We agree on that clear rules on how many credits should be given for tutorials versus labs have to be established. The difference between a lab (in particular, computer labs) and a tutorial is not always clear and establishing a clear distinction between the two is essential as the teaching hours for these two activities are counted differently. Daniel reminds the board that Jakob Welander has not sent out the survey on teaching for the Spring yet. Adriana and Mathias will bring this up on the meeting with Thomas.

4 General Assembly

The General Assembly will take place on the 24th of November at 11.30. Sara Nilsson will be chair of the meeting. We have suggested the following people for different positions associated with the CPPC:

- **Daniel** (with **Björn** as back-up) as a representative for Institutionsrådet (substituting **Mathias**)
- **Martina** (with **Björn** as back-up) as the official representative for gender discussions on the department and part of the Gender Equality Council
- **Andrea** as chair in the CPPC next year and **Adriana** steps down to vice chair

Björn has received the nomination proposal from the nomination committee. The auditors should have access to the meeting minutes before the assembly.

5 Outcome of introduction day

The introduction day last Thursday (11th of November) went well. The introductory meeting with Lena turned out great and long, due to many questions from the curious students. The students had lots of fun with the bingo and word games and 19 students (including 16 new PhD students+buddies and 3 CPPC members) showed up.

6 Annual report overview

Everyone in the board should check the Annual Report carefully and sign it before the General Assembly. **Adriana** will prepare a presentation for the GA, summarizing our work in the last year.

7 Discussion on good supervision

Adriana mentions that Chalmers are currently trying to find ways to quantify good supervision for recruitment of new professors and ask for the boards input on the issue. The "Supervisor of the year" award is one attempt to make good supervisors visible. The board agrees that it is difficult to come up with measures on how good a supervisor is, and that this matter needs additional discussion. In particular, the matter will be discussed further with the other local PhD councils next week.

8 Other matters

No other matters were raised this week.

9 Next meeting

The next CPPC board meeting will be held on December 13 at 11:00.