

## Meeting Minutes: DS Board Meeting #VT21-3, 2022-02-01

**Time:** 13.00 - 16.00

**Place:** Teams

### §1. Election of meeting officials and approval of agenda

Chair – Elin

Secretary – Mareddy

Reviewer – Yin

The agenda of the board meeting was presented and approved by the board

Meeting starts 13.04

### §2. Meeting notice

Decision: Meeting notice was in due order.

### §3. Minutes from previous meeting

Decision: Minutes approved.

### §4. State of the departments – round table

M2: Change of the head of the department.

Kemi: Buddy system has started. Local council is contacting new PhD students with a welcome guide.

MC2: New chair has been elected: Ariadna Doro Alvarez. Improving the communication flow between the boards, local council, DS Board. Meeting with Head of the department for improved communication. Gathering data based on gender and nationality for Aliens act. Teaching hours for master thesis students.

ACE: General assembly last week. Worked on gender equality during the GA.

CSE:

E2: Local council working on social activities – online and offline. Updating the thesis template for Lic and PhD in Latex. Discussion about how the departmental hours are calculated. Discussion about projects where the students work for several which are not counted as departmental hours (Eg: writing of the reports). Looking into the results of employee survey. PhD forum on canvas for information about doctoral studies and general. Buddy system has started. Collaboration with external agency for equality and gender discrimination is in discussion phase.

IMS:

Physics: General assembly in December. Surveys for covid is in progress. Survey for collecting the courses.

SEE: Working on communication routines. Discussion about GTS credits about transfer from old to new system.

### §5. DOMB recruitment update

New DOMB has been recruited, Dr. Pascale-L. Blyth. A short interview, work procedure, and contact information are available on DS webpage. Information about new DOMB has been passed to new students at the introduction day.

## §6. Permanent residency

Dates for the manifestation is 26th februari. Changed in order to getting higher impact. Day is closer to meeting at Riksdag. Informing the students about the demonstration at the student union building. SFS and the student union has written an debate article aimed to be published in Dagens Industri. 16th Feb, meeting organized by SFS-DK for dealing with migration issue.

## §7. Visa support for researchers

Chalmers doesn't have any group to support researchers for Visa process to visit a country/attend a conference. Contacting national mobility office is a starting point to look for the possibility of help.

## §8. PhD survey feedback

Feedback received from local councils. Making the optimum length of the survey. The survey will be sent to Board during the week for feedback. Plan is to send out to everyone by 17th of February. The survey is open for 4 weeks.

## §9. Key topics from the committees and activities

### 1. Accounting

Nothing to mention other than asking to send your working hours.

### 2. PhD webinar

Everything is done and ready. Funding is received for this year. But, for the next year, we cannot get funding from the same place.

### 3. Introduktion day

Introduction day was today (1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2022, online). Introduction day is not mandatory according to the new GTS rules. How to dissipate the information to the new students?

### 4. FUN

Two main discussion points at FUN (i) GTS Courses (Will be discussed later). (ii) Industrial PhD student's contract. Different departments get paid differently from the companies. Idea is to normalize and get companies pay all the costs of the PhD student. Rules for the external evaluation for research education in Sweden has changed. New meeting with FUN soon, and this point going to be taken up.

### 5. AJK

There will be a new structure for AJK. AJK will be restructured to become central protection committee. Equality questions will be forwarded to Focus Equality group. Procurement for new employee survey.

### 6. SACO

Currently discussing the “8-year rule” and the issue that some students are just recruited to licentiate with the chair of the SACO-council. Also, some problems in the new “arbetsordning” regarding requirements to become a professor, as of now only requiring a certain number of supervised PhDs and says nothing about quality of supervision.

### **7. Chalmers AB Board**

Finalizing the strategy for the university. Meeting in Late February

### **8. Forskningsnämnden (FN)**

The meeting is next Wednesday

### **9. Faculty council**

The meeting is next Tuesday.

### **10. Social activities**

3 events in the next month. PhD hike, Game night, Manifestation. For the latest information: keep an eye on the facebookpage.

### **11. Chalmers research foundation**

### **12. CHARM**

April 5th -6<sup>th</sup>. Arrangements in the process.

### **13. PhD alumni event**

April, date is not decided. At Chalmers huset, Max 50 people at the event offline. It will also be online.

### **14. Media communication**

DS webpage updated with the information about DOMB. Next newsletter is planned for End of March.

### **15. DS IT support and webpage**

Sorted out the emailing list. New DOMB email is sorted.

### **16. FUM - Student union board**

### **17. ESP**

Meeting on Thursday. End meeting. As it looks now, ESP might not get extended, might not be even deployed

### **18. Institutional council**

### **19. Local PhD council coordinator**

Meeting with local council chairs about supervision circle, Licentiate salary raise.

## 20. Chalmers ethics committee

## 21. PhD Survey

Taken already. See point 8

## 22. Nomination committee

Proposal for full board by next meeting

## 23. Supervisor of the year

Nominations done. Essay evaluation in progress. Winner will be announced end of the march.

## 24. Focus group equality

## 25. Climate strategy

### §10. Other matters

*DS chat* (An app that works) – Use the DS chat for communication!

*FOASS* - 11 new assistant professors are getting hired. How can DS represent in the interviews? We could need help from the local councils.

*GTS implementation* You have right to take 15 credits, but only 7.5 of the credits are mandatory.

### §11. Actions for the next meeting

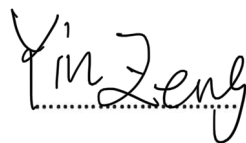
Nomination committee has to put together a proposal for a new board and a revisor, Manifestation by the next meeting @ 12-13 on Götaplatsen.

### §12. Closing of the meeting

Meeting ends 16.23



Elin Malmgren(Chair)



Yin Zeng (Reviewer)



Mareddy Reddy (Secretary)