

CPPC board meeting 2023-04-13

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1 Opening

The meeting was opened by Björn. Oliver was made secretary.

2 Agenda

The current agenda was approved by the board.

3 Next meeting

15 May at 10:00.

4 Follow up on previous CPPC meeting – Minutes

- Buddy system and intro day were discussed. Pantea sent out a form for recruiting new buddies.
- Björn has been in contact with Anna Lindqvist to get information about arriving PhD students.
- Pantea and Björn had a meeting. There are no new buddies that have volunteered at the moment. If we don't get any responses some of the CPPC board members will be buddies. Two have signed up to be buddies for the fall semester.
- Teaching responsible for GU might be Agnese Callegari. We want to have contact regarding the teaching assignment for the Chalmers PhD students.
- We discuss that we want to book a meeting with Lena regarding the intro day.

5 Project follow up

(i) Gender Equality Council

- Martina participated in GPC equality day where equality groups from different departments participated. Next week the physics equality council will follow up on that workshop. They discussed and exchanged experiences and ideas regarding: how often to have meetings, activities that they do, etc. MC2 has workshops — which they have both good and bad experiences from. Exit interviews for people that are leaving Chalmers were also discussed. The follow-up of the exit interviews is not entirely clear, since it is on a case-to-case basis.
- Discussed the women in physics initiative.
- The meeting with the physics gender equality council will make the results of the workshop more concrete and will be discussed further.

(ii) Buddy system/Intro day

- The activities that we are a part of will start at 15:00 with a tour around the department and activities for getting to know each other. At 18:00 we will move towards an after work. New GU physics PhD students are also invited to this event.
- Someone from CPPC (Björn or Daniel) will join the intro day in Raven and Fox to present CPPC. Athanasios will give a tour of the clean room. Martina will give the tour CMAL. The rest of the department is taken care of by Oliver, Daniel and Pantea.
- The activities might be held outside at Origogården if the weather allows.
- Björn and Pantea will have a briefing meeting with the buddies quite soon.

6 Updates from other meetings

(i) DS

- From the CPPC board Athanasios will be nominated for the DS during the general assembly later this month.
- The resident's permit survey was discussed. 18% of PhD students from outside of EU has waited for 5 months or more for a resident's permit. 45% of people have missed *at least* one conference because of this issue. The DS will push this question and try to reach out in media.
- The prorektor of Chalmers has met with the minister of education to discuss PhD students funded by Chinese universities tightly connected to the Chinese government and military. The Swedish government is concerned about this and Chalmers needs to be aware of the risks with these tight connections.
- The head of GENIE has quit and there will be replaced.
- There are discussions to close down some master programs at Chalmers. Physics will probably not be affected by this since we only have one.
- The Space, Earth and Environment department has had problems with getting into contact with DOMB. Discussion about how to proceed is in progress. Long response times are also a problem with Safe at Chalmers. The problem is that they are understaffed. Safe at Chalmers only do investigations and does not provide support for the affected persons, this can be communicated more clearly.
- GENIE will maybe fund a seminar regarding harassment and/or related topics. It is not entirely clear how this will be done at the moment.
- Chalmers will sponsor west pride, so they revert their decision to not sponsor it.
- There is a new equity coordinator at Chalmers.
- There is a report from Diskrimineringsombudsmannen (DO) that shows that non of the higher education institutions in Sweden is discrimination free. It is a bit unclear what to do with this information at the moment.

(ii) Local council chair meeting

- The grading procedure for PhD students taking master courses might have changed. We will look into this.

7 Other matters

Björn close the meeting 11:01