

CPPC board meeting 2022-10-20

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1 Opening

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

2 Agenda

The proposed agenda was approved by the board.

3 Next meeting

The next CPPC board meeting will be held on November 22 at 10:00.

4 Follow-up on previous meeting

See also Section 6 for a general follow-up on projects.

(i) Teaching and teaching survey

Following discussions with Lena and Thomas (see Section 7), it was decided not to construct a teaching survey at the present stage. Instead, **Adriana** and **Daniel** will construct a brief handbook/list with relevant bullet-points for teaching and share this with the students.

5 Introduction for new PhD students

(i) Introduction meeting 28th of October

An introductory meeting will be arranged by Lena for the new PhD students at the 28th of October. **Adriana** will briefly present the work of CPPC in the meeting. Lunch could be spontaneously arranged after the meeting, for those who are available.

(ii) CPPC Introday 1st of November

Björn reports that 6 students from Chalmers and one student from GU have signed up for the CPPC event which takes place at the 1st of November. **Andrea** will book the restaurant (JA Pripps) from 6 pm. The programme for the afternoon reads the following:

- 15.00: Gathering in Nexus and divide the students into two groups.
- 15.05-15.30: Campus tour
- 15.30-16.30: CMAL (**Andrea**) and Clean Room tours (**Adriana**)
- 16.30-18.00: Fun activities in Nexus including bingo, research drawings and word games. Remember to bring pens.
- 18.00-onwards: After work at JA Pripps.

The proposed time schedule is optimistic and will most likely be adjusted.

6 Follow-up on projects

- **ESP:** The ESP (Electronic Study Plan) project has been delayed. Pilot testing could happen in 2023. **Andrea** will notify the students who signed up for the pilot testing about the delays.
- **PhD courses:** Lena wants to have access to the course data base. **Daniel** will update and share it.

7 Updates from other meetings

(i) Meeting with Thomas

Andrea and **Adriana** report the highlights from the meeting with Thomas (Department Head):

- The migration and residence permit situation is taken seriously. Thomas will push Stefan Bengtsson (Chalmers CEO) who has useful connections. For now, **Adriana** suggests the students and postdocs who have waited a long time for their permits to contact ISMO (International Staff Mobility Office), who will then contact Migrationsverket.
- Harassment is an important issue, which should be more highlighted in the department. **Daniel** will contact Lisa Gahnertz (Communications Officer) about putting the Safe At Chalmers initiative in focus on the information screens and Physics Newsletter.
- The Department is aware of the past and current issues with teaching. Ulf Gran is working together with Jakob Welander, and the teaching schedule for the Spring seems to be almost fixed.

(ii) Meeting with Lena

Andrea and **Adriana** reports that most of the things which were discussed with Thomas were also brought up to Lena (Director of Studies for the Physics Programme). Here, the possibility of getting teaching hours for supervising master students was also discussed. It turns out that there is money which could get used to get these hours, but it is not well-known. This should be emphasised and included in the future document on useful information when it comes to teaching.

(iii) DS Meeting

The highlights from the previous DS (Chalmers Doctoral Students Guild) meeting are presented by **Adriana** and briefly summarized below:

- A general survey on residence permits will be constructed and sent also from the DS side.
- The Genie events happen very rarely these days. It is therefore important that the shared workshop between KTH and Chalmers on gender-based violence taking place on the 7th of November is properly advertised.
- SACO negotiations: the current salaries for PhD students are not compensated for inflation and the negotiations take place too seldom.
- Report on research education: Chalmers would like to have feedback on a report on research education from PhD students.

(iv) Advisory Board Meeting/Institutionsråd

Daniel attended an Institutionsråd (Advisory Board Meeting) on the 6th of October. Some highlights from the meeting follow below:

- Chalmers have hired 11 new assistant professors, and the Physics Department got none.
- Stefan Bengtsson will resign as rector in the Autumn of 2024.
- Jari Kinaret replaces Göran Wahnström as head of the Condensed Matter and Materials Theory Division.
- Paul Erhart is the new vice head of the Department (Head of Research, proprefekt)

8 Gender Equality Council

Martina summarizes the Genie status report, evaluating the work of the Genie group over the last years. She will attend the next Gender Equality Council in november.

9 General Assembly

Andrea informs that he is stepping down as chair. It is time to decide on a new chair and vice-chair for CPPC for next year to be elected at the General Assembly.

(i) CPPC Chair

The Board suggests to nominate **Björn** as chair and **Daniel** as vice-chair of the CPPC Board 2023.

(ii) Recruitment of new board members

We need to recruit up to three new board members for next year. Some plausible candidates were discussed in the meeting. Diversity is greatly appreciated.

10 Other matters

No other matters were raised.

11 Summary of actions discussed at the meeting

(i) Andrea

- Book JA Prippts for the introduction day.
- Inform ESP pilot testing students about delays.
- Organize the General Assembly.

(ii) Adriana

- Construct teaching assistant hand book.

(iii) Björn

- Find out whether there are GU students who want to join the introduction day activities.

(iv) Daniel

- Update course data base.
- Contact Lisa Gahnertz (communications officer) about putting Chalmers/KTH workshop and Safe At Chalmers poster in the Physics Newsletter and tv-screens.
- Construct teaching assistant hand book.

(v) Martina

- Attend Gender Equality Council.