

# CPPC board meeting 2023-08-15

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## 1 Opening

The meeting was opened by Björn at 11:08. Athanasios 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 September 15th, 2023 at 15:00.

## 4 Follow up on previous CPPC meeting – Minutes

A summer activity took place. A discussion with Thomas, head of department was held (more details further on).

## **5 Project follow up**

### **(i) Buddy system (Pantea)**

We have 5 buddy volunteers for autumn. 4 new PhDs are here and 2 more coming beginning of September. 4 of the PhDs will be distributed now (2 per buddy), and the 2 new PhDs will get a buddy once they arrive.

### **(ii) Gender Equality Council (Martina)**

The next meeting for the gender equality council will be held on the 26th of September.

## **6 Updates from other meetings**

### **(i) Meeting with Thomas Nilsson, head of department**

- A discussion was held regarding the possibility to answer questions from the public and get hours paid for that. Thomas will check with Lisa and Ulf about how many hours can be paid (possibly 5%) and that there might be 1 or 2 people that will share this responsibility. Also, a new email address will be created where these questions are to be sent to. When Thomas knows more, we will move forward with it.
- PhD receptions after the defense: Thomas said that he is going to talk to Birgitta who is responsible for the rooms. He also agreed that it is a problem to have the gatherings in the lunchroom. He did not like the idea of having it outside PJ (because that area is dedicated to students).
- Vacation/sick leave: We don't know what the problem is still regarding how the contract extension is calculated. Thomas is not sure if we use the same system as GU, and we should talk to Andreas Salomonsson (HR) about it. We should have a clear understanding of how it works, then write a document that is accessible by all PhD students, and explains how it works.
- Master courses: Thomas confirmed that PhD students need 4 or 5 in order to pass a master course.

## **7 Other matters**

### **(i) Autumn semester, general discussion**

- We should do a survey for the buddy system, regarding how the students and the buddy volunteers experience the buddy system.
- No DS meeting yet after the summer.

## **(ii) Other project suggestions**

- Gender equality related projects (e.g. seminars) could be initiated.
- Suggestion for FFF: “PizzaTalks” where we invite people from academia to talk about their work and career paths.

## **(iii) 2024 Chair discussion**

For the new chair in 2024, a discussion is taking place regarding who will take over after Björn.

The meeting was closed at 11:20