

CPPC board meeting 2023-10-09

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1 Opening

The meeting was opened by Björn 14:07. Oliver was made secretary.

2 Agenda

The current agenda was approved by the board.

3 Next meeting

8:00 - 9:30, November 13, 2023

4 Follow up on previous CPPC meeting – Minutes

- We said that we should have surveys for the buddy system, and Pantea has made drafts.
- The introduction day will take place on 24:th of November.
- There is still not any DS meeting planned.
- We want to make a list of points that we want to raise in the self evaluation of the doctoral education at Physics. We will get more information about this.

5 Project follow up

(i) Gender Equality Council Meeting

- There was a GEC meeting. They discussed the name and framing of the group and want it to not just focus on gender, but diversity in general. The name will be changed, but not officially decided.
- Actions in relation to the response of the survey "Genusbaserad utsatthet och sexuella trakasserier i svensk högskolesektor" presented in may 22 were continuously discussed. A workshop on including leadership was arranged for the staff with personal responsibility, the impression was that it was well received by the attending
- One problem that we have raised is that PhD students have expressed uncertainty for the protocol for what to do in case a potential harassment situation has occurred. It has been suggested that the physics department should post such information to the department. Andreas Salomonsson informed us that there is also work done on this centrally at Chalmers.
- Jari Kinaret is leaving the council and one new person is being recruited. Preferably someone with a division responsibility.
- Athanasios asks what the perspective of the students are. The latest response from a student survey does not show any specific problems with certain classes of students, but more a general problem with workload.

- Next meeting will be in November. One problem is that many participants in the council are very busy and that makes having more frequent meetings very inconvenient.
- A meeting about how to continue the work on workshop/information and other actions is planned to be scheduled, Andreas Salomonsson will coordinate this.
- Thomas Nilsson usually brings up the equality work in the department kickoffs which we think is good.

(ii) Buddy system

(ii).1 Survey

- We will make an anonymous survey for the people who have been buddies.
- We would like to have a question that asks for examples of typical problems that new students encounter. This is information that is good for us to know.
- We could ask the new PhD students if they continue to have contact with their buddies.
- We think the survey drafts made by Pantea are good and made some small changes.

6 Updates from other meetings

(i) GEC

- See point above.

7 Other matters

(i) ISP meetings

- Björn and Athanasios were on a kickoff with the Chemical physics division. There was some discussion about how the ISP meetings can be improved.
- Björn got the feeling that the ISP meetings are not appreciated by everyone.
- Some student feel pressured of what they are supposed to do.
- It can be the case that the director of studies are at the same division as the PI. This might make PhD students more hesitant to bring up problems.
- We will try to talk fellow PhD students about if there are suggestions on how to improve ISP meetings.

(ii) General Assembly

- We need to decide on a date for the General Assembly. Some of the board members will continue next year.
- We decided on a time for the General Assembly: 11:30-13.15, December 8, 2023.

Björn closes the meeting 15:08.