

CPPC board meeting 2025-05-07

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1 Opening

The meeting was opened by Athanasios at 12:06. Mirna was made secretary.

2 Agenda

The current agenda was approved by the board.

3 Next meeting

The next CPPC board meeting will be held 2025-06-10 11-12:30.

4 Follow up on previous CPPC meeting - Minutes

- See sections 5 and 6 for a more specific follow-up on projects and other meetings.
- It was discussed to keep emailing the minutes to all PhD students, in addition to posting them on our web page, to actively keep the PhD students up to date with the work of CPPC

5 Project follow-up

(i) Buddy system

- A new PhD student started recently, and seven volunteers have signed up to be buddies. With a larger influx of students anticipated by September (more than 10 new arrivals), having a well established buddy network will be especially important.

(ii) Course survey

- Nine students responded to the course survey so far. Esmée discussed a preliminary review which revealed useful and detailed feedback on multiple courses. Once finalized, the updated course list will be added to our web page and sent to Lena for uploading on the “Fysik Utbildning” page on Canvas.
- It was suggested that course-related content should be placed at the top of the document for easier access.

(iii) FFF

- Work is in progress to organize the upcoming FFF General Assembly to clarify election procedures and the upcoming budget discussion in May/June.

(iv) Intro day

- The introductory day was successful, The tour at the C3SE infrastructure was popular with around 15 attendees. Approximately seven participants joined for the informal gathering at Pripps afterwards.

6 Updates from other meetings

(i) Student Union lunch meeting

- A lunch meeting was organized by the student union, aimed at collecting insight about how to better include PhD students in the student union.

(ii) Meeting with acting head and vice head of department

- Mattias Marklund will officially begin as Head of Department on Monday. CPPC aims to continue meeting with the head and vice head of department on a regular basis and will discuss a suitable setup with Mattias and Lena

- During the meeting with Lena and Paul, the recent employee survey results were discussed, especially focusing on PhD student responses. In particular, it was highlighted that information related to emergencies as well as where to turn in case of issues regarding the work environment should be more visible and easily accessible.

(iii) Equality council

- In the general equality group, topics included the NordNIP conference for women in physics and the continued need for English translations of internal pages.
- At the GPC Equality Meeting, the main focus was the employee and cultural survey setup.

7 Other matters

(i) Pedagogical Lectures

- Some CPPC members attended the recent pedagogical lectures that were part of the recruitment process of new assistant professors. As an attendee, it was possible to give an opinion on the lectures through surveys.

(ii) Teaching Hours and Department Duties

- The topic of teaching hours and department duties was discussed. Time Edit and factors are clear, but the process of comparing records should be much easier and happen more frequently, as the current system is inefficient and prone to errors. This will be raised at the next meeting between CPPC and head and vice head of department.

(iii) SNF mingle

- Oliver and Esmee joined the recent SNF mingle. CPPC remains open to future collaborations or invitations for PhD and postdoc involvement.

8 Closing

The meeting was closed by Thanos at 13:30.