

CPPC board meeting 2025-10-02

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1 Opening

The meeting was opened by Athanasios at 14:05 Oliver was made secretary.

2 Establish agenda

The current agenda was approved by the board.

3 Next meeting

The next meeting will be 2025-11-03 at 14:00.

4 Follow up on previous CPPC meeting – Minutes

The last meeting's minutes were presented and approved by the board.

5 Project follow up

(i) FFF

- The intro day will be October 17. FFF will organize activities and an afterwork at JA Pripps. Sofia has booked at JA.
- There will be a career seminar Wednesday October 8 organized by FFF.
- The budget for FFF needs to be approved by the head of the department and will be discussed in an upcoming meeting.

(ii) Pizza days

- The Pizza days will not be organized anymore due to the new rules regarding serving food to employees. The new event is tentatively called "Mingle and Munch" where we will invite a speaker and order canapes. The preliminary date is November 18 at 18:00. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

(iii) Buddy system

There are many new PhD students at the department. At the beginning of September, we had 6 new students, and three additional new students during October. Simon will make sure that all new student gets assigned to a buddy.

(iv) Other updates

No other updates.

6 Updates from other meetings

(i) Equality council

- Dr GENIE is finalizing a so-called Flower chart which aims to make the structure of people who can support you more available. The plan is to have it accessible at an appropriate place.
- There were discussions about the NORNDiP conference that is held at Chalmers in November.
- Mirna has started to plan an event with UN Women Gothenburg regarding the topic of your rights as a PhD student.

(ii) Advisory board meeting

- The main discussion was about the merger between the Department of Physics and parts of SEE. Generally, there seem to be more concerns at SEE compared to Physics about the merger. Simon was the representative in the discussions and communicated that we have not heard many opinions about the merger among Physics PhD students, since quite little is known at this point. Rimsky mentions that the opinions among PhD students at SEE are a bit mixed, but there are some concerns.

7 Other matters

- Esmée brings up that Emma Minarelli at her division has been a leading person in a Chalmers-wide postdoc network. Many driving people are now leaving, and there needs to be someone to take over. CPPC will try to help spread the word about this network to see if some postdocs are interested in taking over some responsibility.

8 Closing

- Athanasios closes the meeting at 15:13