

CPPC board meeting 2026-02-26

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1 Opening

The meeting was opened by Esmée at 16.05. Sofia was made secretary. Rimsky Wolfs and Gustav Olander from the SEE local council were present to discuss the Physics and SEE merger. They are members of the two SEE divisions that will join the new department.

2 Agenda

The current agenda was approved by the board.

3 Next meeting

The next CPPC board meeting will be held on the 17th of March at 10.00.

4 Follow up on previous CPPC meeting - Minutes

- See sections 5 and 6 for a more specific follow-up on projects and other meetings.

5 Project follow-up

(i) Mingle & Munch

- We have two confirmed speakers for the Mingle & Munch, Govin Ahlgren from industry and Sophie Weber from academia. We will book Luftbryggan for this occasion. Canapes and drinks will be fixed closer to the date which is 18th of March, 17.00. We will also invite the SEE divisions that are about to join the new department. Rimsky will provide email addresses for these students.

(ii) Buddy system

- No new students have joined since the last meeting
- The new SEE divisions should also be included in the buddy system. Firstly, we could collect some new buddies from these divisions for future use.

6 Updates from other meetings

(i) Institutionsrådsmöte (advisory board meeting)

- Since the new department is not yet formed, no meeting has been held.

(ii) Equality council

- Two meetings have taken place since the last CPPC meeting, the first in January and the second in February. In both meetings the question about integrating the two departments was discussed. There will be a workshop hosted by Dr GENIE, about neurodiversity. A second workshop about being an active bystander is also being planned.
- The leadership roles in the new department are now open for application and the equality council will be part of the recruitment process.
- Ida and the CPPC board will also focus on bringing the question regarding extensions forward to the equality council. Right now there is no written policy on how this should be handled at the department. It is in the interest of PhD students to have clear instructions on how extensions are granted to make this process fair and transparent.

(iii) FFF board meeting

- The FFF annual assembly went well and all four members were re-elected. After looking into the current statues, there are no obstacles to having two members from CPPC on the FFF board. Therefore, both Sofia and Gustav can continue. However, there should be changes to the statues so that mentions of SEE are removed.

- A visit to RISE is taking place the day after the meeting and two career seminars are in the planning stage.

(iv) Meeting with head of department, Mattias Marklund

- We would like to add two new seats to the CPPC board to reflect the addition of the two new divisions after the merger. Mattias was very positive towards this and saw no issue with paying the extra departmental hours that this entails. What remains to be done in this regard is to get the decision document of the department updated to reflect the change.
- The Gothenburg Physics Center is evolving but it is still very early and unclear how this will affect FFF.
- Mattias also has plans to start a departmental seminar series to bring together the divisions.
- The issue with the intranet pages saying different things in Swedish and English was also followed up. This was discussed with the interim head of Department last year and we then provided a list of pages relevant for PhD students where the information differed between the English and the Swedish page. Those controlled by the Physics admin were updated immediately, but several pages were centrally administered. Based on this follow-up, the feedback was brought forward to central communications, and the pages have now been updated.
- The want of a written extension policy was brought up, which he agreed would be a good idea.

7 Other matters

(i) Election of new CPPC members

- We need to formally elect the two new members of CPPC. Esmée will check the statutes what might need to be changed before we call to the meeting.

(ii) Event connected to SEE and Physics merger

- It would be nice to organise an information meeting in April specifically for PhD students where Mattias Marklund would join and where CPPC will introduce themselves. It would also be good to have the study directors for the different graduate schools joining to talk about potential changes in the doctoral studies.

(iii) Activities from the SEE PhD council

- The SEE council have previously discussed creating a departmental thesis template, an idea which we can also consider for the new department after the merger.
- The SEE council has worked on a streamlined document for self-paced courses, which we can consider continuing to work on for the new department after the merger.

8 Closing

The meeting was closed by Esmée at 17.29.