

MC2 PhD Student Council

Minutes for council meeting on April 17, 2018

Present: Josef Hansson (Chair), Filip Hjort , Stavros Giannakopoulos , Andreas Ask , Marlene Bonmann

Opening the meeting

The meeting started at 12:00 in room A504 (Valensbandet) of MC2

Election of meeting officials

Stavros was the regular secretary. Marlene was appointed to seal the minutes.

Approval of agenda

Agenda was approved.

Meeting notice in due order

Meeting notice was determined to be sent out in due order.

Updates from other boards and committees

The executive board (Ledningsgruppen, LG)

Ewa was not present to provide updates.

The department advisory board (Institutionsrådet)

Andreas attended the advisory board meeting and came up with updates:

- The bulk of the board meeting revolved around the ongoing Chalmers assessment of research. The only relevant aspect was that MC2 is higher than the average on PhD but much lower in administrative personnel than the rest of Chalmers.
- There was also a discussion on the SWAT review which indicated that MC2 has plenty but relatively weak impact publications especially in IEEE affiliated platforms. The council compared experiences within their own divisions and concluded that this is typically nothing us PhD students can control since the choice of journal, conference letter etc falls on the supervisor's discretion. Furthermore, some departments pay no attention to the impact factors, which is probably an artefact of the past when it was not important.
- A committee of 5 professors are expected to come and asses MC2.

Chalmers PhD student guild (Doktorandsektionen, DS)

No updates from the DS.

The union of research student in physics (Foreningen för Forskarstuderande i Fysik, FFF)

No updates from the FFF as Silvia was absent.

DS representative from MC2

As the DS is having a general assembly soon, it was pressing to select the nominees for the position that Maria held in the DS board. After a discussion Josef and Filip nominated themselves for the place and we agreed to send the list with those two candidates for the DS board to interview. Any other PhDs from MC2 that would want to nominate themselves could talk to the the council representative of their respective division.

MC2 PhD council website

Filip will provide Stavros with the credentials to edit the web-page in order to keep it updated with meeting minutes and other administrative documents. Stavros should also edit the Statutes based on the General Assembly suggestions and upload the statutes on the web-page.

LRS seminar

Josef had made initiated discussions with Christina Andersson regarding the LRS seminar. The preliminary date is sometime before summer if possible (sometime close to the end of May) when vacation and travel become relevant.

List of driving issues

Josef is currently working on a document with the current issues that the council is striving to solve. He has looked at the mind-map and has identified some key issues that we might need to pursue.

Knowledge repository

- Stavros had updated the travel document submission instructions.
- Filip has added links to the feelgood page, along with solutions on the most common issues (submitting receipts etc).
- Andreas has an early draft of the TRC and is expected to finish it before the next council meeting.
- Wellness benefits, Filip has written a small descriptive text and uploaded in the web-page.
- Marlene has looked into the Chalmers plus benefits and it seems they are only relevant for employees that do not have student discount, otherwise the Mecenat card is much more useful.
- There was a discussion to investigate the booking system and add relevant information on the web-page (especially since there are two parallel functional booking systems for rooms in MC2).
- Vacation deadline for application. There seems to be NO strict ruling regarding when to submit the vacation application.

- We discussed briefly the running issues with Chalmers.insidan web-page. Specifically, who is actually using it since it is so unwieldy to find information? As well as the login and search engine issues?

Closing of the meeting

The meeting closed at 13:15.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was arranged for Thursday 17th of May at 12:00

Sealing the minutes

Marlene Bonmann sealed the minutes 07 May 2018.