

MC2 PhD student council agenda for meeting 2019-01-14

Time: 12.00 – 13.20

Place: Valensbandet (A504)

1. Election of meeting officials

Chair – Josef Hansson

Secretary – Martí Gutierrez Latorre

Adopt the minutes – Hafid Zehri

2. Approval of agenda

Unanimously approved by attendants:

Agin Vyas; Josef Hansson; Stavros Giannakopoulos; Filip Hjort; Andreas Josefsson Ask; Abdelhafid Zehri; Nooshien Laderian; Anamul Md Hoque; Ewa Simpanen; Martí Gutierrez Latorre

3 Meeting notice in due order

4 Updates from other boards and committees

1. The executive board (Ledningsgruppen, LG)

-Visit from the vicerektor to discuss how to improve research, amongst other discussed measures, there was a six-month project at the beginning of the PhD and facilitating the situation for students in exchange or migration. Eva will help get a version of the ppt file and share the hard version of the submitted draft.

2. The department advisory board (Institutionsrådet), no update.

3. Chalmers PhD student guild (Doktorandsektionen, DS), the meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th.

4. The union of research students in physics (Föreningen för Forskarstuderande i Fysik, FFF)

-Working on the statutes and forming a board, poster session activity postponed to this month.

5 New Council responsibilities

- Secretary: Stavros Giannakopoulos
- Website responsible: Filip Hjort
- Vicechair: Andreas Josefsson Ask
- LG: Martí Gutierrez Latorre

6 Kick-off

- Doodle sent to agree on a date for afterwork.
- Possibility to bring some cake (if we make the meeting open for all on special occasions)

7 MC2 Annual report text

Points that can be brought up:

-Gender equality efforts in MC2 and Chalmers.

-Creation of a Student Council website with a knowledge repository.

-Participation in faculty evaluations.

-Efforts to help PhD students and course administrators get teaching and teaching staff respectively.

8 Issues to work with during the upcoming year

Possible issues:

- Supervisor – PhD student dynamic (see 9)

- Introduction of new PhD students (letter like FFF does?)
 - Teaching – set up a system to allow students to easily find teaching opportunities
 - Swedish – was not discussed
 - Pressure and stress among PhD students
- High levels were reported in the survey though it is not clear what to do about it.

9 Supervisor – student dynamic

If we have time, a continuation of the discussion from last meeting about PhD student options when in direct conflict with supervisor.

-Looking into what are the rules and the guidelines for decision making power of an examiner and a supervisor and see if any of the rules are broken.

-Make a written register of all conflicts of this type to refer to when discussing this with university staff (keep anonymity unless the person consents to give its name)

10 Other issues

Companies seem to have taken effective measures to avoid trouble for people coming from outside EU or in the process of changing the status of their residence permit. Finding out what those are and if it is possible to implement them at Chalmers would be beneficial.

11 Next meeting

2019-02-12

12 Closing of the meeting