

MC2 PhD Student Council

Minutes for council meeting on October 17, 2018

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

Opening the meeting

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

Election of meeting officials

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

Approval of agenda

Agenda was approved, albeit sent later than 1 week prior to meeting.

Meeting notice in due order

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

Updates from other boards and committees

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

Filip notified the council about the upcoming Physics Seminars which is 3 days of seminars that replaced Physics Day starting from this year. These days are great opportunities for students in Physics to have their popular science presentation. Additionally, after each seminar (which holds three popular science presentations) there will be a mingle with Physics students in order to create opportunities for Master's Thesis. It should be good to spread awareness to our respective divisions about these opportunities.

Other boards

Ewa, Agin and Andreas were missing so there were no updates from other boards or committees.

Teaching at MC2

A mail regarding the teaching opportunities at Computer science was mistakenly sent to all students, however still there was low response. So we are at ongoing discussion with the teaching responsible in MC2 in order to invite all students and all course directors from Computer science, Math, Physics etc to a joint meeting. The course directors should present their courses and hopefully attract the interest of students looking for teaching duty.

There is no info on the exact meeting date, but it should be really short notice since the teaching is referring to spring.

Martí commented that the general feeling in QT regarding those Computer science courses is that the students there lack the programming background required in order to teach those courses.

General Assembly 2018

The date is the 22nd of November at 12:00 in Kollektorn. Due to availability of the venue, we will have to be done by 13:00 the latest.

We need to prepare:

- Recruitment. In order to have representatives from all departments we should inform the students a couple of weeks in advance. An idea was to do that on the MC2 Fika on the 7th of November where most doctoral students attend.
- Discuss leaving members. Out of the members present, only Marlene informed the council of her intentions to leave. She has however come up with a couple of students to be candidates for her position.
- We are missing a member from QDP. Josef will write a mail to Silvia in order to suggest possible replacements from her department.
- We should check the statutes on the exact conditions of the Automatic seats.
- Advertisement for the GA.
 - Josef will contact MC2 news to advertise the GA.
 - Marlene will copy last years poster and fix it for this year.
 - Josef should contact Magnus regarding funding for the lunch.
 - Josef will send email with doodle and Advertisement.
 - We need to come up with an agenda and information points for the GA. That is to be determined on the next meeting.
 - Marlene will be the chair of the GA, since we prefer that the chair is not up for election.

Other issues

There were more issues to be discussed in the future.

- We need to setup a discussion with FFF regarding teaching collaboration.
- There has been no results from the Doctoral student survey as of yet.
- There was a discussion regarding the replacement of the semi-mandatory Licentiate with a half-time seminar in the future. This is in order to avoid the writing of the licentiate thesis which is regarded as non-optimally used time.

Closing of the meeting

The meeting closed at 12:45.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday the 7th of November at 12:00

Sealing the minutes

Martí is sealing the minutes.
Thursday 18th of October.