

MC2 PhD Student Council

Minutes for council meeting on May 06, 2019

Present: Filip Hjort, Stavros Giannakopoulos, Hafid Zehri, Andreas Ask, Nooshien Laderian, Martí Gutierrez Latorre, Md. Anamul Hoque, Josef Hansson

Opening the meeting

The meeting started at 12:02 in room B520 of MC2

Election of meeting officials

Josef was the regular chair and Stavros the appointed secretary. Hafid was elected to adopt the minutes.

Approval of agenda

Agenda was approved.

Meeting notice in due order

Electronic meeting notice was sent late, however the meeting was planned since the previous meeting.

Updates from other boards and committees

The executive board (Ledningsgruppen, LG)

Martí reported that the executive board met and discussed mainly projects, budges and general planning that do not affect the PhD students in any capacity.

The department advisory board (Institutionsrådet)

Andreas had no updates from the advisory board.

Chalmers PhD student guild (Doktorandsektionen, DS)

Agin was missing to give us updates.

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

Filip informed the council that the FFF will hold their annual Assembly in June and a new board will be elected. Any interested parties should contact Filip.

Introductory letter to new PhDs

Filip came up with a draft. The consensus was that the letter should be direct and concise and not include a lot of information. Possibly a bullet point format might serve for that purpose.

Andreas also mentioned that Linda Brånell emailed him a list with all the info they give to the new students and it was quite extensive. The insidan webpage seems to have been updated with new information and the administrators try to sit down and discuss all the important information with new students as long as they arrive.

The letter to the PhDs should be our responsibility and we should hand deliver it to new students as a means to make ourselves visible.

Issue reporting and logging

A list for internal reporting of incidents was presented by Josef. It will be hosted on the box folder and we need to fill it whenever we encounter an incident. It includes several columns but most importantly t has a contact responsible that refers to the council member who communicates with the subject of the incident, as well as a type column to help us differentiate between various types of incidents.

Gender Equality issues

This year the council added Gender Equality in the list of issues to work on. Chalmers is making a big push towards gender equality however we feel that gender equality affects us students in a different way than it does to managers since we have no say in the recruiting process. However, we have to check whether inequality is experienced check the survey results from last year and be aware that there should be adequate female representation in the council.

We have to assess the situation, take in incidents when they appear and identify systematic issues when able.

Other issues

There were no other issues.

Closing of the meeting

The meeting closed at 12:50.

Next Meeting: The next meeting 5th of June at 12:00

Sealing the minutes

Hafid Zehri has sealed the minutes 07 May 2019.