

MC2 PhD student council agenda for meeting 2019-10-17

Time: 12:00 – 13:00

Place: A604

1. Election of meeting officials

Chair: Josef Hansson

Secretary: Agin Vyas

Adopt the minutes: Marti Guterrez Latorre

2. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved in due order

3. Meeting notice in due order:

Yes.

4. Updates from the other boards:

- The executive board

Nothing new. Currently there are talks about getting feedback on MC2 day that happened on 10th October, 2019.

- The department advisory board:

No updates.

- Chalmers PhD student guild:

No updates

- FFF:

They have planned a study trip to Astrazeneca. Their autumn event is on the 14th November. Right after the GA for MC2.

5. General Assembly:

The preliminary agenda for the DS board has been sent out. There will be information points on student activities. Election on new members is also a pointer that will be discussed. The date has been set to 14th November, 2019 at 16:30 -17:30 in such a way that students can directly join the FFF event which is in Canyon. There will be refreshments. The emails for GA and FFF will be sent out 2 weeks prior. Philip is in charge of the FFF event. There is no need to sign up. For refreshments, there will be a cake. Josef will fix the fika.

Anamul is in-charge of the advertisement and Agin will assist him in carrying out the task.

Josef will not be there so the Ewa Simpainen will be the chairperson for the GA. Agin will be on a vacation. Marti will be the Secretary.

6. New Council:

Labs like TML, MEL, and Photonics have no representation in the MC2 guild. Agin can enquire about getting members from that group. Isabel Harryson Rodrigues has agreed to join the MC2 guild from MEL. Most of the current members are staying except Josef and Filip. Since we require a new chairperson after the GA, Andreas has decided to fill that role until Marti is up to the task and then he will take over the responsibilities. In the past, Josef has calculated that MC2 guild takes up about 5% of the Departmental duty time. Preparation of meetings is about 1 hour. DS initiatives take up some of the allotted time such as writing and forwarding emails. Delegation and following up is one of the main responsibilities. However, in the guidelines, the responsibility of a Chairperson is to be a book keeper and a time keeper, while he can participate in other activities if he/she wishes to.

7. ESP workshop

ESP workshop focused on making the current ISP process online. According to the first impressions, it seems like a lot is same as the ISP on paper. There are some nice features such as addition of departmental duty calculation and comparison to the allotted time. There is a module that allows comments on the PhD progress and matches it with the Chalmers goals. The MC2 guild has pushed for the departmental duty inclusion on an online platform instead of excel sheets. The ESP is slated to start in November 2020 and it will be available to the public in July 2021 if everything goes right.

8. Communications highway workshop:

There will be a workshop regarding co-operation between local councils on November 8, 2019, 13:15. Agin will be Mc2 representative.

9. GTS Course evaluation:

General opinion within MC2:

- Hard to sign up for the courses due to unrelenting traffic
- Very few opening dates for the courses.
- Sustainable Development and Ethics course has been changing for every term with low improvements in student experience
- Everyone has a different experience with the GTS courses.
- For TLE, there is too much focus on modern teaching and not a lot on pedagogical training
- Career planning can be mandatory after the licentiate

10. Other issues:

No issues

11. Next meeting:

11th November, Monday

12. Closing the meeting:

13:00.

The minutes were sealed on 13/11/2019 at 14:51.