

MC2 PhD student council agenda for the meeting

2020-05-20

Time: 12:00 – 12:38

Place: Online (Zoom)

Secretary: Bogdan Karpiak

Adopt the minutes: Filip Hjort

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Time: 12:00 - 13:00

Place: Virtual (Zoom)

Attendants:

PhD council: Andreas Josefsson Ask, Stavros Giannakopoulos, Nermin Trnjanin, Anamul Md Hoque, Ivo Cools, Isabel H. Rodrigues, Filip Hjort, Agin Vyas, Bogdan Karpiak.

1. Election of meeting officials Chair - Andreas Ask, Secretary – Bogdan Karpiak, Adopt the minutes - Filip Hjort.

2. Approval of agenda

Approved by unanimity.

3. Meeting notice in due order

Approved by unanimity.

4. Updates from other boards and committees

I. The executive board (Ledningsgruppen, LG)

Andreas will join the executive board meeting together with Marti on Monday 24 May 2020. Andreas agreed to fix who will join the executive board.

II. The department advisory board (Institutionsrådet)

No updates.

III. Chalmers PhD student guild (Doktorandsektionen, DS)

Isabel will be the representative of DS board from MC2. Another possible (additional) candidate is Ivo, but he has not decided yet. The general assembly of the DS board is coming soon as well as a seminar organized by the DS board on how to cope with health issues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

General assembly is to take place at the beginning of June. Filip will not continue as a member of the FFF board.

5. PhD student survey now distributed. Should we do a follow up and, if so, when?

Discussed what the executive board should do regarding the survey. Decided that: 1) the executive board should be informed on the results of the survey during next meeting; 2)

possibility of extension of the PhD contracts should be discussed on the basis of the pandemic situation; 3) Possibility of adjusting the work tasks for the PhD students towards those more suitable for work from home to be discussed at the meeting. Decided on the time of the follow-up survey at the end of summer/beginning of September.

6. DS board representatives - if no one volunteers, what do we do? How important is a DS representative from MC2?

Isabel volunteered to represent the MC2 at the DS board.

7. Microsoft teams - someone need to distribute a link

An email is to be sent to all PhD students regarding the newly created team (MC2 PhD students-together) in Microsoft teams. Hafid is to be contacted on this matter. Additional information to add in the email is the link to Braive online course for maintaining strong mental health during the COVID-19 (with discount from Benify) and also reminder about the seminar organized by DS board regarding dealing with mental health issues during the pandemic.

8. Next meeting

The board decided to meet again on the 3rd of June.

9. Other issues

No other issues.

10. Closing of meeting