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MC2 PhD student council agenda - 2021-02-17

Time: 12:00-13:00

Place: B618/Online meeting (Zoom)

Attendees: Martí Gutierrez Latorre, Agin Vyas, Anamul Md Hoque, Stavros Giannakopoulos, Israel Rebolledo Salgado, Isabel Harrysson Rodrigues, Ivo Cools, Nermin Trnjanin, Ragnar Ferrand-Drake del Castillo, Ariadna Soro Álvarez

1. Election of meeting officials

Chair – Martí Gutierrez Latorre Secretary – Agin Vyas Adopt the minutes – Ariadna Soro Álvarez

2. Approval of agenda

Agenda is approved

3. Meeting notice in due order

Notice sent in due order.

4. Updates from other boards and committees

- The executive board (Ledningsgruppen, LG), (Martí)
 - The results of the Covid survey showed that most PhD students have poor mental health and have decreased their work efficiency. The executive board understands and will have no problem granting contract extensions as long as the requirements of the TRC stay the same. If PhD students are working at lower efficiency they should take a sick leave / leave of absence. If this goes on for a long time, they might want to consider seeking a professional opinion. Martí will email the PhD students addressing this issue and offering possible solutions.
 - Several undergraduate courses are coming to MC2. There will be people who are responsible for handling the teaching hours like in the Physics Department. The idea in MC2 is to have 3 people responsible with 3-4 divisions each. There will probably be 3 new courses, but it is unknown at this moment to which year the courses will be offered.
 - The council brings up that some PhD students have issues with the distribution of work after signing up for teaching courses. We ask that PhD students get more than 2 weeks notice on their teaching schedule.
- The department advisory board (Institutionsrådet), (Nermin)

No updates

• Chalmers PhD student guild (Doktorandsektionen, DS), (Isabel)

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• The Association of Graduate Students in Physics (Föreningen för Forskarstuderande i Fysik, FFF) (Isabel)

No updates

5. Other issues

No other issues

6. Next meeting

2021/03/17 12:00

7. Closing of the meeting

Meeting ended at 12:26.