

MC2 PhD student council general assembly 2019-10-20

Place: Kollektorn

1. Opening of the meeting

2. Election of meeting officials

Chair: Ewa Simpainen

Secretary: Martí Gutierrez Latorre

Moderators: Stavros and Andreas

Attendees:

Division	Photonics	QDP	EMSL	QT	MEL	AQP
	Ewa Simpainen	Bogdan Karpiak	Abdelhafid Zehri	Marco Scigliuzzo	Stavros Giannakopoulos	Andreas Ask
	Filip Hjort	Mohamad Anamul Hoque		Sushanth Kini M.		Cameron Calcluth
	Israel Rebolledo	Ivo Cools				Ingrid Strandberg
	Alexander Caut	Nermin Trnjanin				Therese Karmstrand
	Kovendan Vijayan	Sobhan Sepehri				
	Krishna Twayana					

3. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved in due order

4. Meeting notice in due order:

Yes.

5. Information on MC2 PhD student council activities the past year

This year the MC2 PhD student council activities have been largely focused on finding strategic issues to monitor and work with, and overall our role within MC2 and Chalmers at large. This includes topics such as immigration issues, gender equality and the relation between PhD students, supervisors and examiners.

In most cases, there exists instances for the students to turn to, such as ISMO (International Staff Mobility Office) or DOMB (Doktorandombudet), and so we aim at working primarily with strategic,

systematic issues. That said, it is not always obvious exactly where to turn to, and we do encourage students to turn to us with issues and grievances, even if only for a referral to the most suitable instance.

In addition, during the year we have set up a system to anonymously track issues, in order to find systematic problems that may not be obvious otherwise. If you have a specific issue today, we may not be able to do much, but if over two years, ten PhD students have the exact same issue, there may be an underlying problem which we can improve.

This year, and continuing into 2020, the doctoral student guild (DS) has started a project to increase the collaboration between the local PhD councils all over Chalmers as well as with DS itself. This is useful to find out what parts of the PhD education in MC2 is unique to MC2 and which are the same all over Chalmers. There may be things we can learn from other departments. Also, the MC2 PhD Council will act as representatives from MC2 within projects running centrally, such as the ongoing project to create electronic versions of the individual study plans.

Finally, it is our goal that every PhD student in MC2 should be aware of the MC2 council, and be familiar with the local representative at each division. For this we have started to give out welcome letters and personal introductions to new PhD students, and council members should introduce themselves at lab meetings every year.

6. Election of Council members:

1. Election of council chair:

Andreas is the sole candidate for council chair and is elected unanimously.

2. Election of additional council members:

The following people are elected unanimously as council members:

Filip	Photonics
Hafid	EMSL
Bogdan	QDP
Anamul	QDP
Nermin	QDP
Stavros	MEL
Martí	QT

Elected in absentia:

Agin	EMSL
Isabel	TML

7. Other issues:

The room discussed the topic of having the same person as examiner and supervisor. The consensus was that these roles should be held by different people as a rule, not as a guideline.

8. Closing the meeting:

15:14