

MC2 PhD student council meeting

Attendees:	EMSL	1
	MEL	2
	PL	2
	QDP	5
Not in attendance:	APQ	
	TML	

1. Motivation

The idea and urgency to start up a local MC2 PhD student council was brought on by several factors listed as follows:

- Various statistics and surveys indicate that PhD students at Chalmers are not feeling well.
- The doctoral students' representative (DOMB) has seen an increase in cases.
- There has been a request for a local council from Magnus Karlsson, Deputy head of Department, who is responsible for the graduate education here at MC2.

The intention is to create a group of MC2 PhD student peers that can support other PhD students at the department, to which it is possible to safely point out any problem experienced in the educational program without it directly influencing work relationships with close colleagues, supervisors or examiners.

2. MC2 PhD student related organization

The Chalmers/MC2 organization was discussed and mentions were made to the student union, the doctoral student guild (DS), the DOMB, the MC2 advisory board (IR), the MC2 executive group (LG), the work environment and equal opportunity committee (AJK), Union organizations, Chalmers occupational health service Feelgood, and other local boards such as FFF.

3. First measures

A first set of measures was agreed upon as follows:

- Awareness: Bring clarity to the organization and resources available to MC2 PhD students by a compilation of information sent out and/or presented orally to all those concerned.
- Division Contacts: Seek for and point out a PhD student representative in each division (lab) of MC2. Each representative can act as the primary contact for all PhD students at their respective division.

4. Other motions

Setting up the council organization:

- How to get input from students and how to reach out to students
- Structure: How many, how often to meet, what responsibilities ...
- Recruiting members
- Forming the statutes (see "Recommendation to PhD student councils" and the example file "The Applied Mechanics PhD Student Council Statutes" from DS)

2017-04-13, kl.11:00-12:30, A804

Example list of issues for the council to address:

- Requirements for Lic. and PhD degrees
- Workload
- Clear feedback on performance and status report
- Departmental duty, VISA and residence permit: "Years of study"
- Local MC2 Phd student introduction
- ...

Possible communication channels:

- Meetings
- Open meetings
- MC2 PhD student council mail list
- MC2 PhD student council mail address
- Head of MC2 PhD student council mail address
- MC2 news letter
- Representatives in/from other boards
- Surveys
- Talking to colleagues
- Lectures
- AoA/MC2 coffee
- Use already large events
- AWs
- PhD pub
- Movie showing
- ...

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held 2017-05-16, kl. 11:00-12:30, in A804.