

MC2 PhD student council meeting

Attendees:	EMSL	1
	MEL	2
	PL	2
	QDP	4
Not in attendance:	AQP	
	TML	

1. New since last meeting

The executive group at MC2 (LG) had a meeting that was dedicated specifically to the work environment. Feelgood reported that the Chalmers overall prognosis did not look good and that there was not enough data on employees from MC2. The new MC2 PhD student council was mentioned as a way to inform PhD students among other things about the possibility to go to Feelgood. Magnus Åkerström, responsible for leading the work on work environment here at Chalmers (central arbetsmiljösamordnare, arbetsmiljo.stodet@chalmers.se), offered his help to sort out what information could be of interest to share with all PhD students at MC2. We should contact him.

Thoughts that were brought up:

- There is not enough statistics or information on the situation of PhD students at MC2. The council could help gather more information by letting PhD students know about Feelgood, conveying them to answer both the Chalmers survey during the spring and the DS survey that will come out in the fall, and by face-to-face conversations via MC2 PhD student council representatives at each lab.
- If we want to add questions or get more detailed statistics from the Chalmers survey we can contact the HR responsible.
- Is there a systematic error surrounding a view of "weakness to stress" in supervisors and/or examiners, and can something be done about it?
- Not all PhD students feel that it is ok for them to go to Feelgood. The council's want to make everyone feel that we can go and that we have the right to go if we want to.

2. MC2 news letter

Michael Nystås has contacted the council with some questions in order to have a section about it in MC2 news. Maria and Ewa will answer most of the questions but some of them are strictly related to the main motions of this meeting (see 3.).

3. Main motions

Function of the board

- Will keep the anonymity of the PhD students contacting the board
- Will investigate and address PhD student questions/problems
- Will assess status and change using surveys/statistics/interviews/...
- Will create a communication channel between PhD students (Can either be done using lab representatives or by having a "PhD student communication responsible" at the council, or a combination of both)
- A channel between PhD students and boards e.g. Chalmers PhD student guild (DS), the executive group at MC2 (LG), the department council, FFF...
- A channel between PhD students and other instances related to MC2/Chalmers
- Advertisement (such as appearing in MC2 news)

2017-05-16, kl.11:00-12:00, A804

Workload

- Each member decides for themselves but is required to attend meetings (~1h/month), and read the agenda and meeting minutes

Members

- Maria Ekström (QDP)
- Ewa Simpanen (PL)
- Josef Hansson (EMSL)
- Sobhan Sepehri (QDP)
- Filip Hjort (PL)
- Stavros Giannakopoulos (MEL)
- Jingjing Chen (MEL)
- Silvia Ruffieux (QDP)
- Andreas Ask (AQP)
- TML?

Example list of issues for the council to address (Cont'd since last meeting):

- Phones
- Computers for presentations
- Feelgood
- Language
- Swedish courses
- Unharmonized examination
- ...

4. Other motions

- Swedish resort, swedish courses, SFI, Folkuniversitetet
- Feelgood, reachability for english speaking employees
- Visibility, start working on visibility of the MC2 PhD student council with MC2 news and MC2 coffee
- Having our own budget or not

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held 2017-06-21, kl. 13:00-14:00, in A804.