

MC2 PhD council minutes - 2022/03/02

Time: 12h00 - 13h00

Place: Zoom

Present: Ariadna Soro Álvarez, Hanna Linn, Martí Gutierrez Latorre, Azega Rajendra Babu Kalai Arasi, Israel Rebolledo Salgado, Junjie Li

1. Election of meeting officials

- Chair: Ariadna Soro Álvarez
- Secretary: Ariadna Soro Álvarez
- Adopt the minutes: Hanna Linn

2. Approval of the agenda: Yes

3. Meeting notice in due order: Yes

4. Updates from boards and committees

- The executive board (Ledningsgruppen, LG) – Martí
 - Swedish initiative in Materials Science for Sustainability called WISE: 130 new PhDs and 130 new PostDocs will be announced in the upcoming months. Funded by the Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation.
<https://www.wise-materials.org/>
- The department's advisory board (Institutionsrådet) – Nermin
 - No update
- Chalmers PhD student Guild (Doktorandsektionen, DS) – Ariadna
 - The PhD survey is now open and it will be until March 18. Please answer it and talk to your colleagues about it.
 - Not everybody gets the doktorand_vt22 emails (where the survey was sent out). This email list is new for each term and sometimes not all PhDs are added. Please check with your colleagues who gets this and if not, forward emails to them.
- The association of graduate students in Physics (Föreningen för Forskarstuderande i Fysik, FFF) – Junjie
 - The Career seminar that FFF organized on February 18 was a success.
 - Restructure under way. GU is reluctant to have one more FFF representative, they do not have the budget for it. MC2 might take

the bulk of the work in departmental duty (FFF chair and/or treasurer).

5. Other issues

- For the new members:
 - Remember to count your departmental duty hours, so write down every hour you work for this council. We could be more people, no one is complaining about the cost.
 - Our website is <https://www.dokt.chs.chalmers.se/mc2-phd-council/> where you can find the meeting minutes, statues, and some other useful information. Some members still have not sent Ariadna a picture: if that's you, please do so at your earliest convenience.
- Job portal
 - Åsa Haglund had the idea to open a job portal in our website, where we can post links to open positions in both academia and industry.
 - After a discussion, we conclude that there are several possible platforms:
 - * **MC2 PhD website.** Easy to implement just copy-paste, but people do not visit the website much. Hard and time-consuming to keep up to date for the council. Do people even go to our website to look for such things?
 - * **MC2 newsletter.** Martí will email Susannah Carlson and see if it would be possible. Problems: only current employees in possession of a CID can see it, and the newsletter goes out only once a month.
 - * **Intranet.** Would people look there for this? But people stop working at Chalmers, same problem as MC2 newsletter. Does Susannah want to help?
 - * **LinkedIn** (or other social platform). Would people without LinkedIn even look at it?
 - LinkedIn and MC2 PhD website is passive information: will people read it? Solution to make the information more active: Send an email to get people to check our website or Linked in. MC2 newsletter is more active information.
 - To be discussed with colleagues and see whether they would like this initiative. Then, to be discussed at our next meeting.
- MC2 equality group (JÄGR)
 - Ariadna is now part of JÄGR, which now has Statues.
 - JÄGR is looking for members, particularly Docent/Assistant Professor from one of the divisions that does not have representation yet. This will be announced in the next newsletter.

- JÄGR is organizing part of Department Day (to be in May), which will be Equality themed. If someone has suggestions for speakers, please bring it up!
- At Department Day, we might be able to use the PI data we're collecting.
 - * Status of information: AQP is finished, some QT finished, QDP finished.

- Protest against Aliens Act went very well!
- Azega replaces Agin as EMSL representative and will be officially voted in during the next General assembly.
- We need MC2 volunteers for CHARM 5-6 April. You will get departmental duties and a free Chalmers T-shirt.
 - Hanna Linn and Timo Hillmann from AQP volunteer.

6. Next meeting: April 4th at 12h, in person

7. Closing of the meeting: 13h03