

MC2 PhD council minutes - 2023/01/25

Time: 11h30 - 13h00

Place: B618

Present: Junjie Li, Núria Alcalde Herraiz, Nermin Trnjanin, Vittorio Buccheri, Ragnar Ferrand-Drake del Castillo, Ariadna Soro Álvarez, Hanna Linn, Joey Frey, Erik Strandberg

Election of meeting officials

- Chair: Ariadna Soro Álvarez
- Secretary: Ariadna Soro Álvarez
- Adopt the minutes: Núria Alcalde Herraiz

2. **Approval of the agenda:** Yes

3. **Meeting notice in due order:** Yes

4. Updates from boards and committees

- The executive board (Ledningsgruppen, LG) – Hanna
 - Cleanroom:
 - * Date is set for the meeting with Peter Modh & co.: 27 February
 - MC2 is turning 20. Thoughts:
 - * The divisions are getting too big, so there may be a restructure of the organization soon. Maybe units within the division?
 - * There might be a party.
 - There will be soon follow-up discussions on Department Day at each division. The discussions will be reported back to the Equality Group.
- The department's advisory board (Institutionsrådet) – Nermin
 - No updates. Next meeting in March.
- Chalmers PhD student Guild (Doktorandsektionen, DS) – Ariadna
 - No update. Next meeting is tomorrow.
 - GA in May, Ariadna will step down. We need a replacement: Joey will think about it.
- The association of graduate students in Physics (Föreningen för Forskarstuderande i Fysik, FFF) – Junjie
 - GA tomorrow. Junjie will be elected treasurer for one year only. Let's start thinking about replacements.
 - February 2nd: VR career seminar.

- March: Joint Introduction Day for the 4 departments, open for everyone (not just 1st years).
- Equality group (Jämställdhetsgruppen, Jägr) – Ariadna
 - We’ve been working on organizing the follow-up discussions from Department Day.
 - We are trying to organize the first session of the working environment workshop series with a company called Tutum.
- Dr Genie – Azega
 - No update.

5. Other issues

- Teaching
 - Ariadna has repeatedly tried to schedule a meeting in January for the PhD student council with Per Rudquist, without any luck. Will keep trying.
 - It is possible to take Swedish through GU up to B1 level, we want to check if something can be organized in MC2.
- Alumni network – Nermin, Ariadna
 - Erik has not yet merged the Photonics list from Åsa with the MC2 one we are building. This is left as homework before next meeting.
 - Not everyone has contacted at least two alumni from the list, so let’s get on it.
- Course list – Martí
 - No update. Let’s discuss the status and when/where should we publish the list on the next meeting.
- Microfab PhD course – Ragnar
 - Step 1 was to find 7 PhD students interested in taking the course. There are now 17 people interested from MC2 and some from other departments.
 - Step 2 is to find a professor willing to be the course examiner. Ragnar will contact Mattias Fredrikson and Avgust Yurgens to see if they would take on the role.
- Salary after licentiate – Ariadna
 - According to the salary agreement (roughly translated from Swedish): “If the doctoral student has completed a licentiate degree or completed a mid-term seminar in accordance with regulations in the

rules of procedure for postgraduate education, the monthly salary is increased as above. Promotion in step 2 takes place the calendar month after the condition has been met. If the promotion is delayed for reasons connected to Chalmers' handling of the case, retroactive compensation must be paid for the interim period.”. It’s unclear what *delayed for reasons connected to Chalmers' handling of the case* means, so Ariadna will talk to HR and the DOMB to figure it out. For instance, there is resistance to apply this clause if the delay is caused by the opponent.

6. Actions to take by next meeting:

- Ariadna:
 - Transfer Box to OneDrive.
 - Contact Magnus for Swedish courses at GU. Contact Linda about organizing Swedish for engineers / Academic Swedish. Bring it up at the DS board meeting.
 - Contact HR and DOMB about the salary after licentiate.
 - Schedule a meeting with Per Rudquist & co.
- Hanna: bring up Canyon at the next executive board meeting (see minutes from previous meeting for more details).
- Núria: check with Adriana Canales if someone can replace her in the Cleanroom meeting.
- Joey: recommend someone for the DS PhD Alumni event.
- Erik: merge Photonics alumni list from Åsa with the MC2 one we are building.
- Ragnar: find an examiner for the PhD course in microfab.

7. **Next meeting:** 23 February, 12h, B618

8. **Closing of the meeting:** 12h44