

MC2 PhD council Agenda - 2025/04/14

Time: 12:00

Place: h-bar C511

Present: Joey, Patrik, Achintya, Lucian, Zeidan, Lakshminarayan Núria

Election of meeting officials

- Chair: Núria (until 13h) and Achintya for the remainder of the meeting
- Secretary: Achintya
- Minutes adopter: Lakshminarayan

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

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

4. **Updates from boards and committees**

- **Executive board (Ledningsgruppen, LG) – Zeidan**
 - TRC criteria/discussion with the feedback collected.
 - * Zeidan posted the updates on Teams
 - * Discrepancy in the info about TRC between the intranet and the PhD council webpage
 - * Per said that TRC is only for guiding and not gatekeeping
 - * It is recommended to follow their feedback, but not mandatory
 - * Statements on the council website can be amended
 - * Zeidan can ask for the LG presentation on TRC given by Per
 - * There is a mismatch between Swedish & English intranet pages on TRC
 - * We can take the views of PI regarding TRC as a “gatekeeper”
 - * Per would like to have a meeting with the council regarding this
 - * We can summarize the TRC survey feedback and PI opinions before meeting with Per.
 - * The meeting with Per can be planned for May
- **Advisory board (Institutionsrådet) – Isak Brundin**
 - 2nd meeting of Maria: updates at Chalmers
 - Discussion regarding getting fully funded faculty members at MC2
 - VP thinks the MC2 work environment is good: workshops, dialogues, etc.
 - Nano masters being merged with Physics masters
 - Adding “Photonics and Chips Act” track to the Physics MSc program
 - The teaching rector at Chalmers wants to redistribute teaching duties throughout Chalmers. This can benefit MC2 in its teaching duties

- Programme to create paid jobs for one year to create a company to develop deep-tech products with access to Chalmers Lab with guidance and coaching --> potentially scaling if successful
 - Currently no applicants from MC2: need PhD as qualification
 - Need to be advertised at MC2: **Chalmers Entrepreneurship Fellowship**
 - Peter Modh buys a new ping pong table and will be on 1st floor
 - Discussion regarding the lack of PhD applicants at MC2 (global issue). We need better advertising for master's students. How can we advertise more "appealingly"?
 - Issue with fewer departmental duty hours for master's and bachelor's students' supervision. This demotivates PhDs to supervise and therefore bring talent to MC2. This must be brought to Maria M.
 - Amanuensis can be a good option to attract talent at MC2
 - We don't have a culture of Amanuenses
- **Doktorandsektionen (DS) – Sherry Damercheli, Lucian Petrisor Ion**
 - DS is changing the logo: a prize for the winner
 - Election for Chair and Vice Chair: going through nominations soon
 - Follow up on the midterm salary increase report
 - * Nothing yet finalized – discussion
- **Föreningen för Forskarstuderande i Fysik (FFF) – Malte Dornieden**
 - Not present
 - Looking for new volunteers
- **Equality group (Jämställdhetsgruppen, Jägr) – Achintya Paradkar**
 - Gender Balance training by Paul Bengtsson is being considered for the forthcoming years.
- **Dr Genie – Achintya Paradkar**
 - Menstrual products box
 - Harassment flow chart—HR did not respond, so it will be brought up during the Equality group meeting.

5. Other issues

- **Evaluation School – Patrik**
 - To be discussed in the next meeting
 - Everyone requested to read the report
- **Teaching Duties – Isak**
 - Thomas suggested taking over the TA duties, tracking
 - Can be discussed during the appraisal talk at AQP
 - Can add a point about "What are your skills?" (Python, etc.)
- **MC2 Race Volunteers – Achintya?**
 - Please spread the word!

- Max two hours, and will get department hours
- **Social Media Updates**
 - We need to find a volunteer soon!!

6. Actions to take by next meeting:

- Isak will post clarification on the policy regarding weekend sickness and the possibility of taking weekdays off as compensation. Hanna can then add this to the council website.
- Zeidan can ask for the LG presentation on TRC given by Per
- Zeidan can ask Per to check with Pls regarding their views on TRC as a “gatekeeper.”
- Isak can check with Hanna for TRC feedback
- Zeidan / Nuria can analyze the results and summarize them
- Lakshminarayan can contact PhD students from Photonics
- Share the link to the TRC feedback questionnaire and results
- Isak can contact Maria M or Cristina regarding the paid jobs advertisement that we can circulate at MC2
- Isak to Maria M regarding teaching dept. hours

7. Next meeting: Monday, 12th May at 12:00

8. Closing of the meeting: