

MC2 PhD council Agenda - 2025/09/03

Time: 12:00

Place: Direktorn D209

Present: Isak, Matilda, Achintya, Joey, Núria, Achintya

Excused: Malte, Patrik, Lucian, Sherry, Zeidan

Election of meeting officials

- Chair: Achintya
- Secretary: Núria
- Minutes adopter: Isak

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 webpage draft (by Núria) and reviewed with LG
- Meeting date with Per for TRC discussion and assign a presenter
- Prepare a short presentation of survey feedback
- Present a summary in the LG meeting

Zeidan not present, include this in the next agenda.

- **Advisory board (Institutionsrådet) – Isak**

- Status of *redistributing teaching duties* across Chalmers and implications for MC2. AQP representative does not want to implement it on Department level.
Option to send to the Head of Units, could they take responsibility for the File Excel for their own division as it is done in Photonics.
Purpose: More fair distribution and visibility of teaching opportunities.
- Notification about *power outage*
 - * should auto-notify all lab/tool responsible whenever there is a full or partial power failure
 - * Nermin brought this up in the Advisory Board meeting in September last year, but still, no protocol exists

Achintya will be bring it up to Maria Messing to discuss it in Advisory Board

- **Doktorandsektionen (DS) – Lucian, Sherry.**

- Midterm salary increase report
- Lucian and Sherry not present, include this in the next agenda.

- **Föreningen för Forskarstuderande i Fysik (FFF) – Malte**

- Volunteer recruitment status and next announcement

- **Equality group (Jämställdhetsgruppen, Jägr) – Achintya, Sherry**

- Harassment reporting flowchart, has been send to Chalmers HR. We are waiting a response since 3 months ago.

- Menstrual products at MC2 (and Chalmers).
 - * We have been contacted by members of the library, that is being renovated, about their interest in implementing the Red Box there. There has been a proposal written to implement it Chalmers wide. However, the vice-head of Equality at Chalmers is not on board.
 - * We still would like to do a survey about the menstrual products.
- Maria and Sara will talk to HOU's to conduct group discussions with PhDs and Postdocs separately.

- **Dr Genie – Achintya**

- Meeting with the new DOMB!
 - * Pia Nykänen is a lecturer at GU in Practical Philosophy.
 - * She has been the DOMB since November 2024 and is now made permanent.
 - * She will be in the Student Union building, 3rd floor, Room 318.
 - * Her office hours are Monday and Tuesday, 10:00 to 12:00.
 - * Flexible with meeting times or attending relevant meetings
 - * She is still new to Chalmers and is open to receiving feedback, discussing issues or suggestions on her role.
 - * She will update her job description on the DS page.
 - * So far, 19 students have reached her via email or office.
 - * No issues so far pertaining to harassment or discrimination, but most (7-8) cases pertained to lack of supervision.
- Invite DOMB to MC2 coffee meeting
- Started information campaigns and LinkedIn posts.
- New representative elections and handover plan.
- Resource Map integration into ISP meetings
Uploaded in teams, it will be shown in the next meeting.

5. Other issues

- **Questions to the president**

Write on teams and brainstorm.

- **KUL**

- The discussion was mainly focused on the shape that the conference should take as there is a bigger conference on education (NU2026) from 8th-10th of June at Chalmers. The difference is then that NU2026 targets attendants at "Sweden Level", while KUL2026 is "just" at Chalmers level. Therefore, we discussed alternatives to make the attendance to KUL2026 interesting for teachers(PhD students, Supervisors, teachers, TAs...) at Chalmers:, which among others:
 - * GTS credits for PhD students also the equivalent for Supervisors
 - * Give an update on the master program situation
 - * Making a half-day conference
 - * Organize workshop sessions instead

- * Make themed KUL2026, eg. focused on PhD as TAs or as the role of supervisors as educators.
 - The main conclusion is that there will be another meeting soon while Christoph Stör checks with the organizers of the NU2026 the topics- which I just got now the email saying it at least be covering themes like cognitive science and academic freedom.
- **PhD Introduction Day - Isak**
 - Announce vacant positions & General Assembly
 - Short intro and summary of works done/ongoing
 - Introduce to the Resource Map and our website / Facebook / LinkedIn
- **PhD student representative for graduate school evaluation**
 - Evaluate PhD education in Materials Science at Uppsala University
 - reading through a self-evaluation from Uppsala
 - Visit them October 5-7 to discuss with faculty, staff, and students.
 - A report also needs to be written, which we do together.
 - Appointment decided by the Uppsala student union
 - We need to suggest a candidate soon – send an email preferably Swedish speaker and 2-3 years into PhDs.
- **Suggest the 2nd Director of Doctoral Studies at MC2**
 - Discuss with Per Lungren in the meeting for TRC.
- **Social media role needs to be assigned!**
 - Downgrade the role to the bare minimum
 - Only update IMP news to students on social media
 - Either Hanna or Chairs (Isak, Núria) can take up this role
- **General Assembly Plan**
 - Plan for a meeting date
 - Check who is staying and who is leaving
 - Wrap up activities for the year
 - Isak as new co-chair, Achintya stepping down

6. **Actions to take by next meeting:**

- Power outage: send an email to Maria Messing to discuss having an email sent to everybody in the department in case of power failure.
- Construct a survey on Menstrual Products to try to help on the Chalmers proposal and check about the reception of the box.
- Núria will send an email to Magnus about the Introduction Day 2026.
- Update on TRC Meeting and decide which road to take.

7. **Next meeting:**

8. **Closing of the meeting**