

MC2 PhD council Agenda - 2025/10/02

Time: 12:00

Place: Direktorn D209

Present: Núria, Achintya, Matilda, Malte, Zeidan, Patrik, Lucian, Joey, Isak, Lakshminarayan, Lucian

Excused: Hanna, Sherry

Election of meeting officials

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

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
 - * Zeidan will contact Per Rudquist and share the statistics summary
- Meeting date with Per for TRC discussion and assign a presenter
 - * Not set yet.
- Prepare a short presentation of survey feedback
- Present a summary in the LG meeting

-Introduction to the map to ISP meetings

-Regarding the TRC text on website: wait to update it until we indicate num manuscript/division so students have a reference

-Propose a second Director of Studies.

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

- Status of *redistributing teaching duties* across MC2.
From AQP Tomas and Giulia are positive to incorporate it in their Appraisal Talk meetings and take it care division-wise.
-Prepare the document in the share folder (Do we want students to be able to change their status directly?)
-Send an email to heads of unit/heads of division to join in and use the document.

- Power outage: has it been sent?

(Achintya)Send an email to Maria Messing to discuss having an email sent to everybody in the department in case of power failure.

Updates will be sent if there is an outage is building-wise.

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

- Midterm salary increase report. There are no new updates.
- Increase communication to local councils, being coordinated by DS

- Proposals for social events are welcome
- PhD does not have guarantees for accommodation, is it possible to change this, Lucian is investigating it. Should talk to Linda Brånell, she might know more about accommodation status for new PhD students.
- **Föreningen för Forskarstuderande i Fysik (FFF) – Malte**
 - Volunteer recruitment status and next announcement, success?
 - New team
 - * Planned visit to RISE
 - * Introduction day for PhD students
 - * Career talk
 - Malte will stay on
- **Equality group (Jämställdhetsgruppen, Jägr) – Achintya, Sherry**
 - Harassment reporting flowchart, has been send to Chalmers HR. We are waiting for a response since 3 months ago.
 - Menstrual products at MC2 (and Chalmers). Status: Lot of resistance
 - * Status on library
 - a. Top management at the Library liked it, Chalmers VP shut it down, they are not willing to oppose.
 - * Status on Chalmers proposal
 - a. Will not pursue, things are not moving.
 - * Status on survey about menstrual products, draft distributed? Construct a survey on Menstrual Products to try to help on the Chalmers proposal and check about the reception of the box.
- **Dr Genie – Achintya, Matilda (new!)**
 - Meeting with the new DOMB!
 - Invite DOMB to MC2 coffee meeting, has she?
 - * Pending, next coffee next Wednesday
 - Started information campaigns and LinkedIn posts.
 - New representative elections and handover plan.
 - Resource Map integration into ISP meetings
 - * See above
 - Uploaded in teams, it will be shown in the next meeting.
 - * Upload on council website

5. Other issues

- **PhD Introduction Day - Isak**
 - Report on how was it.
 - * It was well appreciated. Two students have expressed interest in participating in the MC2 PhD student council.
 - Make slides available in shared folder for next year.
- **General Assembly Plan**

- Ariadna has been contacted and there are new instructions uploaded in the shared folder. We just need to decide on a date.
- Plan for a meeting date
 - * 30th Oct 12:00
- Wrap up activities for the year
- Isak as new co-chair, Achintya stepping down will keep attending meetings.
- Achintya leaves, Zeidan (AQP, LG) stays, Lakshminarayan (Photonics) stays, Patrik (TML) stays, Matilda (Dr Genie, ESML), Lucian (DS, MEL) stays, Malte (FFF, TML) stays, Joey leaves, Isak stays (AQP, Advisory Board, Co-chair), Núria (QDP, Co-chair), Hanna undecided (ESML), Sherry leaves

- **KUL**

We discussed and decided on the format of KUL and the KUL topics this year.

- Format:
 - We will go for a half-day conference. Starting at 8:30 till around 13:00, which a lunch included afterwards.
 - There will be a keynote speaker
 - After which we will organise 2-3 rounds of workshops in different topics in parallel.
 - In principle no abstract submissions for talks (as far as I understood)
- Topics:
 - PhD students. Subtopics could be for example supervision, post-graduate courses, teaching.
 - The new master programs and their multidisciplinary projects. Also course evaluation could be included.
 - AI in education. Even though most of us thought it to be a widely discussed topic, we still think it is relevant.
- Title: undecided, however someone proposed "Ongoing issues at Chalmers", although that might sound too negative.
- The idea was to announce KUL soon and ask for people to come with proposals for workshops.

- **PhD student representative for graduate school evaluation**

- Did we find a candidate?
 - * Shahrzad Damercheli and Pritwish Agarwal

- **Suggest the 2nd Director of Doctoral Studies at MC2**

- Discuss with Per Lundgren 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

6. Actions to take by next meeting:

7. Next meeting:

8. Closing of the meeting