

MC2 PhD council minutes - 2025/11/20

Time: 12:00

Place: h-bar C511

Present: Lucian Petrisor Ion, Matilda Öjmertz, Shahrzad Damerceci (invited), Hanna Karlsson-Fernberg, Zeidan Zeidan, Isak Lyngfelt, Patrik Blomberg, Nuria Alcalde Herraiz, Aditi Singh

Excused: Malte Dornieden, Lakshminarayan Sharma

Election of meeting officials

- Chair: Núria Alcalde Herraiz
- Secretary: Isak Lyngfelt
- Minutes adopter: Hanna Karlsson-Fernberg

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

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

4. **Suggestions to improve the ISP meetings – Shahrzad Damerceci**

- Per Lundgren approached Shahrzad to discuss ISP
- Shahrzad: Per Lundgren should weigh up on students side, meet with student before the rest not after. Currently the 15 minutes are being used as “extra meeting time”. Important that student use the first 15 minutes.
- Bring up important major issues beforehand so that he is prepared, he should communicate that this is possible.

5. **Updates from boards and committees**

- **Executive board (Ledningsgruppen, LG) – Zeidan Zeidan**
 - Option to fill in the ISP document online instead of pdf
 - * We need to update our website at some point
 - MC2 day
 - * Maria Messing was not happy with the supervisor of the year. The presentation (performance) was not very good. To suggest presenters it is important to have seen them present.
 - * Many empty seats, why did PhD students not show up? **We wonder what is the purpose of the MC2 day? Why do they want the PhD students to be present?** Answer depend on this. Discussion if there are too many presentations which makes it become saturated. Do all supervisors/PIs show up? The day is too long and not interactive enough. These are the point of view of those who came, hard to say if people who don't show up ever will. Compare attendance to christmas party to see if it is comparable. Maria Messings initial talk was appreciated.
 - TRC webpage draft (by Núria) and reviewed with LG
 - * Zeidan will contact Per Rudquist and share the statistics summary. No update, Zeidan will prioritize it.
 - Meeting date with Per Lundgren for TRC discussion and assign a presenter

- * Not set yet. Propose a second Director of Studies.
- 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
- **Advisory board (Institutionsrådet) – Isak Lyngfeldt**
 - Status of *redistributing teaching duties* across MC2.
 - Send an email to heads of unit/heads of division to join in and use the document.
 - Still meaningful, valuable research for the smaller divisions and Per.
 - I (Isak) can summarize the local documents if it comes to that
 - No updates until 2nd of December.
- **Doktorandsektionen (DS) – Lucian Petrisor, Shahrzad Damerceci.**
 - Midterm salary increase report
 - * There is room to change, but we need to push actively. We need swedish speakers to attend the negotiation meetings. Potentially Isak Lyngfeldt.
 - * Contact the actual student union
 - PhD Accommodation Status
- **Föreningen för Forskarstuderande i Fysik (FFF) – Malte Dornieden**
Malte is not present.
- **Equality group (Jämställdhetsgruppen, Jägr) – Matilda Öjmertz, Shahrzad Damerceci**
 - 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.
 - It is deemed impossible to implement for a wider scope. Survey still interesting, Matilda has draft for survey, to be shared in Teams.
 - Are you aware. Do you know where it is located? Where did you learn about it? Do you use it? If you knew, would you find it useful? Do you think having the product is more inclusive? Add: Do you menstruate?
 - Who to send out the survey?
 - Discuss the goals of next year. Female PhD employees are explicitly telling people to not work at Chalmers: find out why. Including self-reflecting questions, e.g., language, inclusion
 - Deadline next Tuesday for questions to add.
- **Dr Genie – Matilda Öjmertz (new!)**
 - Meeting with the new DOMB! Invite DOMB to MC2 coffee meeting, has she?
 - * Pending, next coffee next Wednesday.

- * Next is Lucia, probably it will be better next year.
- Resource Map integration into ISP meetings. Uploaded in teams, it will be shown in the next meeting. Upload on council website?
- Organizing working groups, startup of the year.

6. Other issues

- **MC2 Day – All**
 - See point at LG
- **Suggest the 2nd Director of Doctoral Studies at MC2**
 - Discuss with Per Lundgren in the meeting for TRC.
 - See point 4.

7. Actions to take by next meeting:

8. Next meeting:

18/12/25

9. Closing of the meeting