

MC2 PhD council minutes - 2026/01/14

Time: 12:00

Place: B520

Present: Isak Lyngfelt, Zeidan Zeidan, Lucian Petrisor Ion, Patrik Blomberg, Malte Dornieden, Hanna Karlsson-Fernberg, Matilda Öjmertz, Achintya Paradkar

Excused: Núria Alcalde Herraiz, Aditi Singth, Lakshminarayan Sharma

Election of meeting officials

- **Chair:** Núria Alcalde Herraiz
- **Secretary:** Hanna Karlsson-Fernberg
- **Minutes adopter:** Malte Dornieden

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

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

4. Updates from boards and committees

- **Executive board (Ledningsgruppen, LG) – Zeidan Zeidan**
 - No meeting since the last MC2 PhD council meeting.
- **Advisory board (Institutionsrådet) – Isak Lyngfeldt**
 - In the advisory board, new members have been handpicked to represent industry.
 - Status of *redistributing teaching duties* across MC2. An email about redistribution of teaching duties was sent to Per Rudquist and Maria Messing, has there been a response?
 - * No response. Isak Lyngfelt sends a reminder and brings it up when meeting with Per Lundgren and Victor Torres Company.
- **Doktorandsektionen (DS) – Lucian Petrisor**
 - Midterm salary increase report
 - * Lucian will link Isak up with DS. The plan is to have an informal talk with Susanne Aalto and ask if some input from us is required. A common ground needs to be found to move forward.
 - * Help international PhD students with housing. Lucian will get in contact with the student union. There has been previous interest in this, but it's hard to find protocols from the DS where this is discussed. There are channels but it needs to be better advertised. Lucian needs to contact Pernilla Hellström.
- **Föreningen för Forskarstuderande i Fysik (FFF) – Malte Dornieden**
 - * Carreer seminars were held. 15-20 people attended.
 - * FFF arranged the visit to Onsala space observatory. FFF discusses visiting Onsala again in the spring/summer.
 - * Another meeting is soon. Plan to visit RISE in Borås.

- **Equality group (Jämställdhetsgruppen, Jägr) – Matilda Öjmertz, Achintya Paradkar**
 - Discussion on the menstrual products survey
 - * The survey is finished and the summary is uploaded on Teams. Matilda Öjmertz and Achintya Paradkar will have a meeting with Maria Messing on Monday to discuss the result and if to continue with the box. Matilda will continue to refill the box.
 - Bring up proposal for implementing paid menstrual leave on monthly basis at next DrGENIE and equality meeting to receive some initial thoughts.
 - Mentioned last meeting as an idea. Now people take out plain sickleave when they cannot work due to menstrual pain.
- **Dr Genie – Matilda Öjmertz**
 - Meeting with the new DOMB!

A separate opportunity should be arranged where people are invited to meet and talk to the DOMB over coffee in the canyon. This should be advertised in the department letter. Matilda Öjmertz contacts DOMB and Lovisa Håkansson after Christmas.

 - * Matilda has been in contact with the DOMB. 17e of february on the afternoon DOMB will join MC2 for fika. It should be included in MC2 newsletter and an email should be sent out to all PhD.
 - Update on Resource Map integration into ISP meetings.
Has Per Lundgren been contacted to discuss implementing the Resource Map into ISP meetings?
Have we uploaded in the MC2 PhD Council webpage?
 - Matilda Öjmertz has been in contact with Per Lundgren. Have it as a part of his toolbox. On the first ISP meeting, get a overview of the network and support people.
 - Link the DS information page on the MC2 webpage. Hanna Karlsson-Fernberg will do this.

5. Other issues

- Meeting with Deputy Head Of Department, Microtechnology and Nanoscience Victor Torres Company & Per Lundgren on 21st of January – Isak and Núria

“We would like to have a close dialogue with the MC2 PhD student council. We would like to hear more about what your perceived challenges in the PhD journey are, and any suggestions you may have for improving the environment while keeping in mind the overarching goals of the university in becoming one of the top technical European universities in the coming years.

I think it would be great to meet the three of us in person sometime in January, just to kick start the dialogue and set an agenda for priorities and expectations".

- Discuss TRC
 - * PIs should be held accountable that PhDs are finished after 5 years, and not be "cheap post-docs"
 - * "Local systematic to experimental"
- Departemental duties accountability
- Some student dont get extensions
 - * Why does this happen? The rules say that the PhD Should get extension, but sometimes there might be financial issues in certain PIs.
- Need more another director of studies

6. Actions to take by next meeting:

- Núria and Isak:
 - Investigate extension guarantee based on departmental duty

7. Next meeting: Friday 13/2 12:00

8. Closing of the meeting