



Meeting Minutes – Meeting of the Doctoral Board, 5th November 2020 15:15 – Online meeting via Zoom

Attendees

Oliver Degerstedt, *Chair*

Haro de Grauw, *Vice-chair*

Angelika Drigo, *Vice-chair*

Charlotte Viktorsson, *Secretary*

Antonia Degen, *SDR representative*

Christoffer Fjellstedt, *TNDR representative*

Philipp Rönchen, *HDR representative*

Achyut Ram Vyakaranam, *MDR representative*

Fabiola Stein, *UDR representative*

Olivia Andersson, *UUFS representative*

Daniel Schmitz, *MDR representative*

Mudar Shakra, *TDR representative*

Emma Ivarsson, *Student & PhD student Ombudsman*

Rosita Kneiszl, *FDR representative*

Daniel Rivas, *PhD representative in Advisory Board for External Collaboration; Deputy PhD representative in Scholarship Board*

§1 The meeting was declared open by the chair

§2 Philipp Rönchen was elected as the adjuster for the protocol

§3 The board approved the agenda

§4 The board approved the call procedure

Chair Oliver Degerstedt agreed to invite all PhD representatives in different University wide boards, committees and centres to upcoming DN meetings. They will be encouraged to share what is going on within their board/committee/centre.

§5 The board approved the previous meeting minutes

§6 Updates from DN presidium & representatives (information/update)

UUFS Ombudsman for Students and PhD Students – Emma Ivarsson introduced herself. Due to increased workload there are now **three** ombudsmen, previously there were only two.

More information is available here: <https://dn.uppsalastudentkar.se/content/rules-and-rights/phd-handbook/influence-and-organisation/ombudsman-phd-students>

UDR – Elected a new Head of Department, discussed how UDR will interact with new Head.

FDR – Rosita Kneiszl introduced herself. FDR have been discussing new PhD courses. The faculty is involved in NorDoc & ULLA consortium, which organises PhD conferences and courses. Implementation of Goals and Strategies at MedFarm is ongoing: VisionMEDFARM workshops – participation by several FDR PhD students. There is a wish for mentoring for grant applications. The committee for undergraduate teaching has recently finalised guidelines for calculation of teaching hours. This includes how teaching (lecture, seminar or labs) & thesis supervision by PhD students could be calculated. Remains to be seen if this will be implemented.

TDR – Mudar Shakra introduced himself. TDR have reduced their after work activities.

SDR – Sent letter to faculty board regarding prolongation due to COVID-19 – received negative and aggressive answer and will send this to the DN Prolongation working group as well as write a reply.

Languages Working Group – First meeting next week. Angelika presented 5 minutes at Equal Opportunities Workshop on November 3rd. Comment from MDR on the workshop: want to write a letter to Equal opportunities person – unavailability of Swedish courses, lack of English speaking in meetings – how to solve this problem together.

Prolongation working group – Two parallel tracks: Vision – how do we want it to work? Other track is collecting information, real examples, and rules from each faculty

Oliver, Chair:

Report on doctoral education discussed in Management Council:
<https://mp.uu.se/web/nyheter/-/rapport-om-forskarutbildningen>

Management council will discuss letter to Vice-Chancellor: *Brådskande: finansiering behövs för förlängning för doktorander och forskare i tidig karriär* during next meeting.

Attended SFS-DK meeting – a lot of COVID talk, how universities have handled it. But also talk of how doctoral education could be improved, e.g. using a nation ISP or to start with a better system at UU to easily update the ISP on a yearly basis.

§7 Updates related to COVID-19 (information/discussion)

No updates from the board and representatives regarding issues related to COVID-19.

§8 Template for individual study plan

The template has collected over 300 replies so far. Of these 300 replies, it seems like half of the PhD students are affected by COVID-19 but expect to finish their PhD in time. One fourth are not affected at all, and one fourth is largely affected and do not believe they will finish on time.

Haro de Grauw and Antonia Degen will summarize the data and Oliver Degerstedt will write a report. The template will remain open at least for the rest of 2020.

§9 The university self-evaluation of quality systems (information/discussion)

The report was written in a top-down manner, focusing on how the quality systems should work, not how they are actually implemented today. It lacked information about Doktorandnämnden and the doctoral councils.

The next step is to write a student's appendix (studentinlaga) to the report.

§10 The new environmental plan for the university

Doktorandnämnden wrote a response to the Uppsala University environmental plan. The response focused on the lack of ambition in the environmental plan, and urged the university to aim for higher goals and more environmentally sustainable work.

§11 Website updates

Evgenii Tikhomirov has worked on the design for the new website, and it is soon time to launch it on the web. The plan is to buy a domain name and make it possible for Doktorandnämnden to more easily run the website and keep it up to date. There will also be opportunities for the faculty doctoral councils to highlight their activities and news.

§12 Other comments or issues

No other comments or issues.

§13 Closing of the meeting

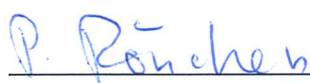
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