

**Meeting Minutes – Meeting of the Doctoral Board, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 15:15 – Zoom meeting**

**Attendees**

Oliver Degerstedt, *Chair* \*

Elena Prats, *Vice-chair and HDR representative* \*

Ayesha Mae Bilal, *Secretary*\*

Haro de Grauw, *Student and PHD student ombud and University board representative*

Evgenii Tikhomirov, *Event Manager* \*

Fabiola Stein, *UDR representative*\*

Daniel Schmitz, *MDR representative*\*

Antonia Degen, *SDR representative*\*

Matthew Rosenberg, *FDR representative*\*

Philipp Rönchen, *HDR representative*\*

Erik Bowall, *TNDR representative*\*

Emma Sundström, *TDR representative*\*

Erik Grahn, *JDR representative*\*

Meryem Saadi, *Equal Opportunities Advisory Board representative*

Daniel Rosenblum, *CEMFOR representative*

Endrina Mujica, *Uppsala Diabetes Center representative*

*\*These meeting participants had voting rights during the §7 DN elections*

**§1 The meeting was declared open by the chair**

**§2 Antonia Degen was elected as the adjuster for the meeting minutes**

**§3 The board approved the agenda**

**§4 The board approved the call procedure**

**§5 The board approved the previous meeting minutes**

**§6 Brief updates from DN presidium & representatives (information)**

*Haro de Grauw:* PhD studentombud position still open. University board had discussion regarding surplus in budget due to profit of 50 million SEK in 2021.

*JDR:* council has set up Zoom fika sessions for doctoral students to have an opportunity to meet and speak with council members.

*Ayesha-Mae Bilal:* Liveability and wellbeing working group will have meeting with UU housing office soon.

*SDR*: plans to include PhD-student representatives from different boards at the SDR board meetings to engage in discussions.

*Evgenii Tikhomirov*: nothing to report.

*Daniel Rosenblum*: 100<sup>th</sup> year commemoration for Institute of Racial Biology, more resources can be found on CEMFOR website.

*FDR*: nothing to report.

*Meryem Saadi*: equal opportunity board discussed recent national gender mainstreaming study report, which showed relatively high percentage (21%) of sexual harassments experienced by female students. Something to discuss in the future and the report will be published soon.

*HDR*: nothing to report.

*MDR*: plans to put pressure on faculty to improve the handling of harassment cases. Discussing how to improve routines for annual reviews. Recently managed to influence some changes in the ways of working of the docenture committee. Doctoral position still open in recruitment group, would be easier to fill if English speakers were an option.

*TNDR*: two points council is working with: establishing connections with PhD students based on Campus Gotland. The other thing is union of science and engineering students (UTN) is discussion whether to become a more official council under the student union.

*HDR*: nothing to report.

*Endrina Mujica*: Uppsala Diabetes Centre has new official website (<https://www.uu.se/forskning/udc>) with a page detailing open applications for PhD positions, funding for cross-disciplinary projects, new courses, and seminars on diabetes.

*UDR*: nothing to report.

*TDR*: nothing to report.

*Chair Oliver Degerstedt*: Call sent out for students to participate in Uppsala University Career Tuesday on the 29<sup>th</sup> of march, 3pm. Students needed from TEKNAT and HUMSAM to present and promote PhD program.

Digital ISP, project manager presented a summary of report but is not quite finished. Most people at management council agreed with report. An internal reform will need to take place first at UU, as it is important to harmonize how ISP are established and processed across university. Next, the Gothenburg university system will be referred to for implementing it. Process will take time as all scientific areas will need to agree on the processes and models to go with.

Survey on internationalization and languages still not published on medabetaportalen as it is awaiting comments from various people.

For 2-year employment contracts, central HR stated that the matter should be taken up at department level. Plan is to advice PhD students to request 2-year contracts and if a department refuses, we can then target resolving that issue.

## §7 DN elections:

Representative for board of Alva Myrdal Centre (AMC) - the electoral roll was determined (see list of attendees above). Attendees were asked to review application statements from candidates beforehand. Two candidates submitted an application statement. Voting for contested positions was done via Zoom poll feature to ensure anonymity.

- Ebba Ahlgren Cederlof was elected as a Representative for board of Alva Myrdal Centre.

*Projektmedel för pedagogisk utveckling* (PUMA) review panel – need replacement representative due to conflict of interest

- Announcement sent out for short-term position for PhD student on the review panel.

May DN elections

- Oliver will manage the application call and process with the vice chairs.

## §8 Important referrals – help needed with:

- *Riktlinjer & Vägledning för Studentinflytande* (deadline 30th March): Erik Grahn volunteered interest.
- *Förslag till miljöplan* (deadline 25th March): Philipp Rönchen volunteered interest.

## §9 PhD Survey from Division of Quality Enhancement

Only 30% of PhD students have answered which is too low. DN members have to encourage more students to complete the survey.

## §10 Discussion on if and how PhD-students are involved in the hiring of new PhD students

Not a standard in most departments to have PhD student sit in on the interviews with PhD candidates.

Need to push making this a standard procedure as it will be beneficial for candidates to ask questions about the PhD-student life as well as insure a better power dynamic during the interview.

Fabiola will inquire with educational sciences department about how it was established as a standard and if some guidelines exist for this that can be brought into other departments. It is also common practice that a PhD student is present at the interviews with the Department of Law and the Sociology Department.

## §11 New guidelines for representation prolongation – how to simplify application procedures: <https://regler.uu.se/document/?contentId=14339>

Guidelines are now available in English and Swedish. Next issue to tackle is how to make the application procedure easy for PhD students? Representatives at planning department who manage funds for this will look into it, but different faculties will need to look into how to make it better independently.

## §12 Researchers' Manifestation against Aliens Act – Uppsala (<https://fb.me/e/4BN0k0x5H>)

Manifestation will take place on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Openings for speakers or students to send in their personal testimonies to be read.

Oliver and Meryam Saadi will take part in an interview with Ergo magazine regarding this event and will look later into promoting it on tv.

SULF is organizing a seminar in parliament on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

DN is involved in debate article to be published. Article needs to be redone because of previously interviewed PhD subject retracting their interview consent.

## §13 Remaining meetings this term – final reminder (information)

- Tuesday 22nd March 15:15-17:00
- Tuesday 26th April 15:15-17:00 with Prorektor Coco Norén
- Tuesday 24th May 15:15-17:00 with DN elections
- Tuesday 14th June 15:15-17:00 (Tuvstarren, Segerstedt)

## §14 Other comments or issues

## §15 Closing of the meeting

*Oliver Degerstedt*

Oliver Degerstedt, Chair

*Ayesha Mae Bilal*

Ayesha Mae Bilal, Secretary

*★ Antonia Degen*

Antonia Degen, Attestant