

**Agenda – Meeting of the Doctoral Board, 16th December 2025 15:15 – Hybrid meeting**



Location: **12:128 blåsenhus**

or Zoom: [:https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/62971173851](https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/62971173851).

Passcode: 720494

All of the meeting materials can be found in the [drive folder](#) for the meeting

**Attendance**

Rachel Dwane, Vice-chair

Charlotte Linzatti, TDR

Sai Viswanadha Sastry Upadhyayula + Vice Chair

Calle Per Hendor Jonsson, President Uppsala student union

Florian Kayatz, PhD student

Yishu Zhu, TNDR rep + Rep at Centre of Research Ethics and Bioethics board

Andrii Tymchuk (Board of Research Infrastructure)

Laura Galeano

Torgny Hedström, doktorand Moderna

Sergio Flores MDR Rep

**§1 Opening of the meeting**

Meeting opened 15.15

**§2 Election of Adjuster for the protocol (decision)**

Sai is approved as adjuster.

**§3 Approval of the agenda (decision)**

Agenda approved.

**§4 Approval of the call procedure (decision)**

Call procedure approved.

### **§5 Approval of previous meeting(s) minutes (decision)**

See the minutes **for november**.

Approval of previous meetings is tabled.

### **§ 6 Updates from the board (20 minutes)**

- **TDR:** Talking about the work load of PhD- students, especially when it comes to teaching. Issues with prolongation: will redraw members if prolongation is not cleared up in certain boards. E.g. “valberedningen” board does not get prolongation. Working on a plan to engage people to further work in academia...
- **JDR:** No updates.
- **HDR:** No updates.
- **SDR:** No updates.
- **UDR:** have held a one day seminar on supervision with a researcher from Lund. Included most supervisors and PhD students. Generated a momentum for discussing important questions related to supervision. Productive session.
- **MDR:** Working on organising a PhD day together with fdr in spring. Will get 1 credit for attending this day.
- **FDR:** Organizing a PhD day. See above.
- **TNDR:** the board talked about prolongation day for the DN board as 10 days. Pushing the faculty to increase compensation for boards, since the interest has been lacking. Announced an election for the board in January. Ski trips and pub crawls planned next month.

### **§ 7 General updates and information from Vice Chancellor’s management council (rektorsledningsmöten) in November(10 minutes)**

- [See notes](#) from Prabash.

### **§ 8 Updates from representatives (Information/discussion)(10 minutes):**

- **Scholarship board:** 140 scholarships were announced this semester. Decisions will be public soon. Efforts to make information more accessible about scholarships are made.
- **Circus:** closed.
- **Board for the center of research ethics and bioethics.** Started a newsletter about ethical topics. There will be a webinar in January. Newsletter will cover the centers work.

### **§ 9 [Suggested changes to DN regulations](#) (Information, Discussion, Decision - 30 min )**

- [Swedish version](#)
- Chapter 1, section 6: approved.
- Chapter 1, section 7: approved.

- Chapter 2, section 1: approved.
- Chapter 2, section 2: approved.
- Chapter 2, section 3: approved.
- Chapter 3: approved.
- Chapter 6: approved.
- Chapter 7: approved.

## **BREAK**

### **§ 10 Outline for projects 25/26 (20 minutes)**

Projects will have mandatory attendance.

- **Salary Ladder Re-survey (Prabash)**
  - People: 1 rep from each board. TNDR can choose 1. A survey was made last year but did not reach them. Each rep's assignment is to spread the survey.
- **Watchgroup for International Admissions (Sai)**
  - Start with compiling a document about the status of everything. Also include survey for residence permit from last year.
- **Prolongation issues(Rachel+Sai)**
  - Big issue at the university. It is going to include all reps. Big aim: to standardize prolongation at uppsala university. Going to contact different HR departments, work with the unions. Finish line: the vice rector will come and hopefully help us out in the next year.
- **Banking issue(Rachel+Sai)**
  - In collaboration with Uppsala University to make the banking system and having financial autonomy a more realistic goal in the new year.
- **UUnotalone & social media (Rachel + Elin)**
  - Goal: create a community for PhDs.
  - Idea: day in the life of a PhD student.
- **Updating PhD Handbook (Kamilla + Prabash)**
  - Were going to do it in blocks.: bottom up. E.g, update links.
  - First step: make a chat & set up a meeting.
  - Each meeting: new updates.

### **§11 Social events (information - Elin Boyer) (10 minutes)**

- Message from Elin: thanks to everyone for participating!

### **§12 Improvements for 2026 (Discussion) (10 minutes)**

- **Suggestion:** have a list of upcoming meeting beforehand.
  - That is the goal for next term! As soon as possible.

### **§19 Any other business (Discussion / information) (10-20 minutes)**

- Prabash: UUFS on access to money... difficult to manage. A lot of money moving in and out on a yearly basis: therefore, DN has to say no to be the bank for all the reps.
- Sai: website is being updated, need help with information. Email will be sent.
  - A ski event is in the planning. TNRD is also planning to organize; we can co-organize.

## **§20 Closing of the meeting**

Meeting closed at 16.30