

**Agenda – Meeting of the Doctoral Board, 25th November 2025 15:15 – Hybrid meeting**



Location: **12:128 blåsenhus**

or Zoom: <https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/69755425279>

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

**Attendance**

Prabash Wijethunge (chair)

Rachel Dwane (vice-chair)

Elin Boyer (event manager)

Kamilla Taraeva (secretary)

Dinh Long Huynh + PhD Student

Leonard Örner (representative JDR)

Maiya Tebäck (PhD student at the IT department)

Matthaios Amanatiadis, HDR ordförande

Linnea Wikström, representative in Uppsala University Central Safety Committee for Work Environment

John Symon Dizon + PhD Student

Sergio Flores MDR Rep

Matias Menalled (PhD student, Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology)

Andrii Tymchuk (SDR rep.)

Foteini Tzioufa (FDR representative)

Leo martin- TNDR representative

Yishu Zhu, TNDR representative

Charlotte Linzatti, PHD representative TDR

Leyi Su (Chair of IMBIM PhD student association)

Kristina Stenström, Student Rep from Center for Medical Humanities

### **§1 Opening of the meeting**

Meeting opened at 15.15

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

Rachel Dwane 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 [september](#) and [october](#)

Previous meeting minutes approved.

### **§6 Introduction to and collaborations with the doktorandombud (Information and discussion, 15 minutes. Nazira Hammoud)**

- A lot of students come into situations where they are not aware of their rights. Doktorandombud is underutilized. In the end, the idea is to introduce Nariza to all students.
- Nazira introduction. Nazira's goal is to come in contact with all PhD students.
- Doktotandombud would like to be available for all students. Currently, anyone in all Faculties except TEKNAT can avail of the ombudsman. TEKNAT PhD students are currently directed to talk to their student union rep. However, Nazira will like to be available for ALL PhD students. This is something she will discuss with the TEKNAT faculty in the New Year.
- Prabash: homework for all reps: all of the faculty people need to fight whoever is in charge of the introduction course, and inform them of doktorandombud to allow them to attend one meeting to introduce themselves.

### **§7 Introduction to three minute thesis competition- (Information and discussion, 15 minutes. Ellen Sjöholm)**

- Present research results in max 3 mins. Spoken word. Communicating results.

- Worldwide competition– the Uppsala competition is the first step. Deadline is 9th of March.
- Pros: build networks, meet other students in the same fields. Monetary price to use within studies.
- Input on how to distribute information:
  - Social media post
  - Email all students
  - Info can be distributed by representatives

### § 6 Updates from the board (15 minutes)

- **TDR** - no updates.
- **JDR** - planning on conducting a trip for doc students to get to know each other.
- **HDR**- no updates.
- **SDR** - trouble with funding. More focus on stipend-financing rather than salaries. This results in two different groups with different rights/benefits. For example, Akassa is not available to students with stipend-financiation.
- **UDR** - no representative.
- **MDR**- the faculty is facing financial troubles. Final exam is introduced to all PhD students at the end of their degrees. They are looking to make available more Swedish courses.
- **FDR**- organizing a social event to share research.
- **TNDR** - mailing list issues resolved. Policy on AI: can be used to polish text. Monthly newsletter started: activities, meetings, etc. Discussed implications of new UU policy of retracting contracts due to VISA-difficulties. Prolongation: investigating the issues.

### § 7 General updates and information from Vice Chancellor's management council (rektorsledningsmöten) in october (3 minutes)

- UU in the future. Prabash will send out an email. Discussion tabled.

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

- **Work environment committee:** input on work environment:
  - Stress
  - Police education on Engelska parken
- **Center of medical humanities:** in the spring they will be recruiting artists for a program.

### - § 9 Student representation issue (Discussion - 5 min )

- Ordinaries /alternates. Alternates do not get any extension.
- Case: one alternate has done the majority of the work, should they not be able to get extension?
- Can the DN decide? For example 50% or 80%

- DB will see in protocols who has attended the meetings.

#### **§ 10 DN board member prolongation issue and potential solution (Discussion - 10 min )**

- UUFV [2021/2081](#)
- HDR: 8 days
- Other faculties: depends on different positions.
- All members are allowed 10 days.
- The finances are different, depending on the roles/faculties.

#### **§11 Summary of the state of prolongation issues for teaching (Rachel Dwane) (Information, 10 minutes)**

- Initial meeting was postponed. When the meeting was re-scheduled there was limited participation therefore, meeting was tabled. Therefore, further discussion will happen when the working groups are set up
- All who wish to contribute can contact Rachel.
- Elin and Rachel are planning a “Know your rights and how to access them day in Feb. We hope to include the prolongation issue during this workshop.
- Update to come!

#### **BREAK & voting for student representatives (10 minutes)**

#### **§12 Election results for student representatives for AMC & the board for research program for democracy and higher education**

- See [candidate list](#) for the board for research program for democracy and higher education
  - Henning Bollmark is the representative.
- See [candidate list](#) for the board for AMC
  - Maiya Tebäck is the representative.

#### **§13 Summary of contact with länsstyrelsen and the international banking system (Rachel Dwane) (information, 10 minutes)**

- Rachel met with a representative from länsstyrelsen. They reached out to us as they had seen a previous survey, we had done which asked international employees (including PhD students) what were some of the issues they faced. Many responded they had issues accessing certain services due to a language barrier (not knowing Swedish). them.
- One task [Länsstyrelsen](#) got from the government is to ensure financial autonomy for members. No barriers.
  - Länsstyrelsen rep wants to work with the DN board. Idea: make sure that every PhD student has the [ability](#) to independently open an account. How are we going to do this? Lansstyrelsen will [c](#)ontacted 5 largest banks to find an easier path for PhD to set up a bank account. In addition we, will create a pamphlet with

information for new PhD students on how to set a bank account. Länsstyrelsen is also compiling information.

- There will be a steering group for this. Send email to Rachel.

#### **§14 Approval of [business report 24/25](#)**

- Business report approved.

#### **§15 Amending DN regulations as approved by [DN board 241016](#) (information, 2 minutes)**

- **Missive from [UUFS](#)**
- UUFS wanted us to change things in our regulation to mend the disconnect them and DN. Last year, the former DN board agreed to make some changes like, the chair to be able to speak Swedish to ensure necessary information trickles down. However, the former board did not make any formal changes to the written regulation document.
- We are going to change the regulations now.

#### **§16 Doctoral board banking issues (Discussion, 10 minutes)**

- Some council boards reached out to DN about using our bank account. Some boards have difficulties in organizing the finances. This is due to them receiving limited funds but being charged quite high bank fees. DN does not have direct access to the bank account.
- Prabash will talk to UUFS to salvage this.

#### **§17 Project 2025/2026 (open discussion, questions, etc. 10 minutes)**

- Form sent out to assigning projects.
- The deadline extended until tonight (25/11).

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

- Currently planning a workshop event about knowing /accessing our rights. This will happen in Feb. We hope to be able to join this with a social dinner afterwards.
- On the 5th december: next AW. Waltz workshop. Pub crawl.

#### **§19 Any other business (Discussion / information)**

- No.

#### **§20 Closing of the meeting**

- Meeting closed at 16.57.

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