

Meeting Minutes – Meeting of the Doctoral Board, 21st January 15:15 – Hybrid meeting



Location: 12:128 blåsenhus
or Zoom:

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Attendance:

Sai Upadhyayula – Vice Chair

Rachel Dwane – Vice Chair

Leo Martin – TNDR Representative

Yishu Zhu – TNDR Representative

Foteini Tzioufa – FDR Representative

Benjamin Eneslätt – UUFS

Sergio Flores – MDR Representative

Luna Zejia Xu – PUMA

Kristina Stenström – Center for Medical Humanities (CMH)

Sadie Williams – HSDU Representative

Laura Galeano – UDR Representative

Maiya Tebäck

§1 Opening of the meeting

The meeting was declared open by Rachel at 15:22.

§2 Leo Martin was elected as adjuster for the meeting minutes

§3 The board approved the agenda

§4 The board approved the call procedure

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

Minutes for November and December prolonged to next meeting

§ 6 Introduction to Incorporate Abstract from Marshall Cartwright (10 minutes)

Elin Cartwright (CEO of Abstract): Presented about their web-based platform “[Abstract](#)”

Abstract is a platform that helps researchers make their work visible and discoverable by industry and academic partners by letting them set up profiles and share expertise and capabilities. It also facilitates exploring research, finding collaborations, and connecting with suggested projects through AI-assisted discovery.

§7 Updates from the board (15 minutes)

- **UDR** – Nothing to report
- **MDR** – Proposed research distribution at MEDFARM
 - This could result in faculties to rearrange how compensation is done, 8% reduction of budget, change in compensation
- **FDR** – Nothing much to report. There is a PhD day in MEDFARM organised by FDR in collaboration with MDR. Gets 1 and half credits for attending.
- **TNDR** – Council Meeting Update (Last Week)
 - Elections were held for half of the board member positions, and several roles were successfully filled.
 - Some departments are experiencing difficulties securing spots in Swedish language courses.
 - Revoking residence permit issue: For TekNat PhD students, the risk is currently very low: students can apply for a residence permit within two months of receiving their acceptance and then they will have six more months to get a decision from Migrationsverket.

§ 8 General updates and information from Vice Chancellor’s management council (rektorsledningsmöten) (5 minutes)

Elin - Nothing related to PhD students from the meeting.

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

UUFS: There was board meeting last week and Reglamante for DN got approved

CMH: No updates

§ 10 Student representation issue (Discussion - 5 min)

Every representative in DN will get 10 days of prolongation

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§ 11 Update from DN board member regarding working groups (Discussion - 10 min)

Nothing much to update.

§12 Social events (information - Elin Boyer) (10 minutes)

- 13th March – afternoon workshop on “Know Your Rights”. There are representatives joining from NGO, HR, PhD Ombudsman, Unions and Equal Opportunities. Practical session with scenarios. Followed by afterwork. More information coming out. Open to all PhD students, maybe open to 30 to 40 spots.
- Friday night feverz starting from February along with other events like mindfulness, yoga relaxation
- Ski events – update from Sai
 - There are two trips to Romme Alpin organised by TNDR in collaboration with DN. One trip on February 8th and other on February 15th. Lot of interest for these trips is shown among PhD students.

§13 DN comment on UU policy for open science (10 minutes)

Received comments from most of the representatives.

§14 Any other business (Discussion / information)

Next board meeting dates: February 10th and March 12th

Send out invite as calendar invite link so that it adds directly to calendar.

§15 Closing of the meeting

Meeting was closed at 16:16.

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Sai Viswanadha Sastry Upadhyayula,