Meeting Minutes – Meeting of the Doctoral Board, 30th September 2026 (15:00)

Hybrid meeting at A1:306b, BMC, and on Zoom

DOKTORANDNÄMNDEN
The doctoral board of Uppsala University

Attendees

Linnea Wikström, Chair

Ingyin Moe, Vice-chair

Natalia Remper, Vice-chair (meeting secretary)

Filippa Bertilsson, MDR representative

Carolina Londono Escudero, SDR representative

Dag Jensen, JDR representative (via ZOOM) (adjuster)

Laura Royer, HDR representative (via ZOOM)

Foteini Tzioufa, FDR representative (via ZOOM)

Aifric Doherty, UDR representative (via ZOOM)

Emma Löfgren, TNDR representative (via ZOOM), joined when the meeting was ongoing

Mahsa Norouzi, TNDR representative (via ZOOM), joined when the meeting was ongoing

§1 Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened at 15:04.

§2 Election of Meeting Secretary (decision)

Natalia Remper was elected as secretary for this meeting.

§3 Election of Adjuster for the protocol (decision)

Dag Jensen was elected as adjuster.

§4 Approval of the agenda (decision)

The agenda was approved.

§5 Approval of the call procedure (decision)

From now on, the agenda will be sent out to all PhD students one week in advance of the board meeting.

§6 Approval of previous meeting minutes (decision)

See all minutes: §6 Approval of previous meeting minutes

A. Meeting minutes from August 2026 were approved.
B. Meeting minutes from May 2026 (27th of May 2026) called "DN elections" – several important facts are missing: approval of call procedure, agenda, election of adjuster, clearly stating who was present at voting, etc. Thus, the doctoral board (DN) postponed the approval of these minutes and sent them back to the previous board and asked them to fix the minutes.
C. Approval of the remaining meeting minutes was postponed by the DN too due to missing information, in particular:
    - December 2025: roles are unclear for several attendees, and one attendee appears to be missing from the attendance list (Prabash, the chair).
    - February 2026: there are questions regarding whether the meeting was quorate; few attendees.
    - March 2026: attendee roles are unclear.
    - May 2026: attendee roles are unclear.

    The board decided to send all these minutes back to the previous board to fix them.

§7 Per Capsulam decision

- PhD representative for the evaluation of the Alva Myrdal Centre (AMC)

  The purpose of this item is to formally record the decision taken between meetings. The doctoral board elected Sarah Glännefors as representative for the evaluation (7 against 5 votes). The voting was finalized on 2 September, and the chair declared the decision on the 4th of September.
  This information was officially recorded in the DN board meeting minutes on September 30th, 2026.

§8 Elections of University board positions (decision)

Material: Election material

A. Board for Research Infrastructure

   Prabash Wijethunge and Tijana Stojanovic received both 2 votes; Karolina Gustafsson, Mathias Johansson, and Oliver Håkansson received 1 vote. Due to this, a new vote between Prabash Wijethunge and Tijana Stojanovic was conducted. Prabash Wijethunge received 3 votes and Tijana Stojanovic 5 votes. Thus, Tijana Stojanovic was elected.
B. Equal Opportunities Advisory Board

   Maria Löwdin received 5 votes, Tony Su received 1 vote, and Sanaz Ahmadi received 1 vote. Maria Löwdin was elected.
C. Equal Opportunities Advisory Board (alternate)

   Ella Hursti received 6 votes, and Sanaz Ahmadi received 2 votes. Ella Hursti was elected.

D. Joint Committee on Work Environment Issues

Anastasia Grip received 4 votes, Henning Bollmark received 2 votes, and Arezu Sehati received 1 vote. Anastasia Grip was elected.

E. Reference group for the language workshop (alternate)

Sanaz Ahmadi received 7 votes, Tony Su received 1 vote. Sanaz Ahmadi was elected.

F. Scholarship Board (alternate)

Karolina Gustafsson received 4 votes, Simon Wefer received 3 votes, and Ella Hursti got 1 vote. The chair (Linnea Wikström) voted for Karolina Gustafsson, who received 5 votes in the end and was elected.

G. Center for Gender Research

Jasmine Therese Arcilla received 7 votes and was elected.

H. Centre for Medical Humanities

Silas Anker Saggau received 6 votes, and Arezu Sehati received 1 vote. Silas Anker Saggau was elected.

I. Centre for Digital Humanities

Martin Hansson obtained 4 votes, Hannah Siegrist got 2 votes, and Mathias Johansson received 1 vote. Martin Hansson was elected.

J. Steering committee for academic language proficiency

Tony Su received 4 votes, as did Dolores Fors. Thus, the chair (Linnea Wikström) cast a vote and voted for Tony Su. Tony Su was elected

K. Electoral College (2 ordinary positions available)

Position 1

Alexander Stevens received 4 votes. Karolina Gustafsson, Andrii Tymchuk, Henning Bollmark, and Hannah Siegrist received all 1 vote. Thus, the chair (Linnea Wikström) voted, and as a result, Alexander Stevens received 5 votes and was elected.

Position 2

Hannah Siegrist received 5 votes, and Ella Hursti received 3 votes. Hannah Siegrist was elected.

L. Electoral College (alternate)

Update about the candidates: Sanaz is not a candidate anymore because they only want 1 position, and they were already elected for a position earlier today. This alternate position is for the ordinary position held by Arezu Sehati. Ella Hursti received 9/9 votes and was elected.

M. Electoral College (alternate)

Dag Jensen is abstaining from voting.

This alternate position is for the ordinary position held by Alexander Stevens. Jens Klinteskog received all votes and was elected.

N. Electoral College (alternate)

This alternate position is for the ordinary position held by Hannah Siegrist. Andrii Tymchuk received all votes and was elected.

O. Working group for the review of support for research ethics and good research practice

Dag Jensen is abstaining from voting.

Freja Bruncrona received 2 votes. Camilla Lyckblad received 2 votes. Simon Wefer, Frida Carlsson, and Sanaz Ahmadi received 1 vote. Since a tie between

Freja and Camilla occurred, a new voting between Camilla and Freja was held. Camilla received 4 votes and Freja 3. Camilla Lyckblad was elected.

§9 Common ground rules (discussion)

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- Common ground rules (see document above) were discussed, and it was decided to add: Deadline for responses; filling in questionnaires is at least one week. If a person is unavailable (on leave, conference), they can be excused if they sent an email within the deadline.
- The DN has adopted the Common Ground Rules and Working Principles, including the addition.

§10 Budget (discussion + decision)

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- How to use the budget and what money has been spent on so far were presented (see the document above).
- Suggestion from Linnea: The Presidium may approve urgent expenditures of up to 400 SEK between board meetings, provided that such expenditures are reported to the Board at its next meeting. The suggestion was approved; there were no objections.
- Fika and coffee options for board meetings were discussed; whether to have fika and coffee was discussed. The idea about ordering pins with the DN logo was liked.
- Voting about how to proceed with the budget took place:
  The DN presidium will incorporate the feedback from the Doctoral board and present new budget suggestions as packages during the next board meeting. The budget will be voted on during the next board meeting – 7 people voted for this, 3 abstained.

§11 Doctoral representative in ENLIGHT (https://enlight-eu.org/) doctoral network (discussion + decision)

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- Suggestion by Linnea: We appoint a doctoral board member to attend these meetings as a part of their tasks as members of the board. Nobody was against this suggestion.
- Aifric Doherty was appointed as a doctoral representative in ENLIGHT.

§12 Working groups (discussion + decision *if time allows, otherwise postponed to next meeting*)
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The suggested working groups by the presidium were discussed briefly, and the board members agreed to think about the possible working groups and give suggestions in a document Linnea will send out. The working groups will be decided during the next board meeting.

§13 Brief updates from DN presidium, members & representatives (information *if time allows, otherwise postponed to next meeting*)
§13 Messages from the Chair - september

- Linnea gave updates from various boards. More details can be found in the attached document "Messages from the Chair – September"
- University library 2036

  Dag Jensen volunteered to write a missive on behalf of the doctoral board and present it at the next board meeting. He will also present the strategy at the next board meeting.

§14 Other comments or issues

- Suggestion: move meetings to 16:00 instead?

  The topic was discussed, and the conclusion was that it would always be inconvenient for someone, so the time for the meeting start was not moved to 16:00 instead of 15:00. The meetings will start at 15:00 as planned.
- Missive for long-term library vision

  See §13 for what was discussed and decided by DN.

§15 Closing of the meeting

The meeting was closed at 17:02.

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