Meeting Minutes – Meeting of the Doctoral Board, 22nd October 2026 (15:00)

Hybrid meeting at 24:103, Blåsenhus, and on Zoom

DOKTORANDNÄMNDEN
The doctoral board of Uppsala University

Attendees

Linnea Wikström, Chair

Ingyin Moe, Vice-chair

Natalia Remper, Vice-chair

Angelika Hermawan, Secretary

Bhagya Fernando, Event Manager

Laura Royer, HDR representative (adjuster)

Nadia El-Sayed Sparr, UDR representative

Camille Cabrolier, MDR representative (via ZOOM)

Jasmine Therese Arcilla, PhD student representative in Center for Gender Research (via ZOOM)

Carolina Londono Escudero, SDR representative (via ZOOM)

Dag Jensen, JDR representative (via ZOOM, absent §1-§6)

Mahsa Norouzi, TNDR representative (via ZOOM, absent §13)

Emma Löfgren, TNDR representative (via ZOOM)

Amanda Lindestreng, TDR representative (via ZOOM)

Delaram Bameri, PhD student (IPhA chair, via ZOOM)

Martin Hansson, PhD student representative in Centre for Digital Humanities

Tijana Stojanovic. PhD student (via ZOOM)

Maria Löwdin, PhD student representative in Equal Opportunities Advisory Board (via ZOOM)

Mário Sanca, PhD student (via ZOOM)

Paarkavi Udayakumar, PhD student (via ZOOM, absent §1-§9)

§1 Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened at 15:03

§2 Election of Adjuster for the protocol (decision)

Laura Royer was elected as the adjuster

§3 Approval of the agenda (decision)

The agenda was approved.

§4 Approval of the call procedure (decision)

The call procedure was approved.

§5 Approval of previous meeting minutes (decision)

§5 Meeting Minutes_September 2026.pdf

The meeting minutes from September 2026 were approved.

§6 Budget (discussion + decision)

§7 Budget

- The proposed budget suggestions were approved by the board.
    - Fika: removed as a recurring expense for future board meetings
    - Board night: approved for one paid event per year
    - Merchandise: approved for 100 pins with DN logo
    - Remaining budget reserved for future DN events

§7 Working groups (discussion + decision)

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A. Prolongation
    a. Trade unions (e.g., SULF) were already addressing prolongation at the university level. Board members suggested that collaborating with them would ensure more effective implementation.
    b. Emma Löfgren, Mahsa Norouzi, Ingyin Moe, and Laura Royer were delegated to the “prolongation” working group.
    c. The working group shall present a plan or milestones for each assigned topic during the upcoming board meeting in November.
B. Swedish language requirements
    a. Martin Hansson, Carolina Londono Escudero, Paarkavi Udayakumar, and Natalia Remper were delegated to the “Swedish language requirements” working group.
    b. The working group shall present a plan or milestones for each assigned topic during the upcoming board meeting in November.

C. Elections
    a. Linnea Wikström, Dag Jensen, and Amanda Lindestreng were delegated to the "elections" working group.
    b. The working group shall present a plan or milestones for each assigned topic during the upcoming board meeting in November.
D. Events
    a. Bhagya Fernando and Laura Royer were delegated to the "events" working group.
    b. The working group shall present a plan or milestones for each assigned topic during the upcoming board meeting in November.
E. PhD handbook
    a. Linnea Wikström and Dag Jensen were delegated to the "PhD handbook" working group.
    b. The working group shall present a plan or milestones for each assigned topic during the upcoming board meeting in November.
F. Others:
    a. A new working group for ISP Ladok was suggested. PhD students have reported confusion because the website guidelines are too general and requirements vary by department. Hence, these decisions were approved by the board:
        i. Linnea Wikström, chair, will raise the ISP issue with the university leadership to raise awareness at the university level to encourage department-specific guidelines.
        ii. Angelika Hermawan, Dag Jensen, and Filippa Bertilsson were appointed to investigate the issue, determine whether a dedicated working group is needed, and present a plan at the upcoming board meeting in November.

§8 Clarification of election of University board representative (decision, formality only due to issues with old minutes)

Evelina Edfors was elected as the university board representative.

§9 Missive on the future for the university library (discussion + decision)

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A deadline of October 28th at midnight was set for comments on the *Missive on the future for the university library*. Linnea Wikström was delegated to incorporate the feedback and submit the finalized document to UUFS.

§10 Representative in Subproject on Guidelines for the Systematic Quality Assurance of Research (discussion + decision)
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This position includes a 5-day prolongation for attending a meeting on November 18th, 2026, but the language requirement for this position was unclear. As no volunteers stepped forward, the board delegated the presidium for this task.

§11 Brief updates from DN presidium, members & representatives (information)

A. Linnea Wikström (Chair): attended the vice-chancellor meeting and dean's retreat, with the following updates:
    a. Inclusive teaching: status analysis on inclusive teaching highlighted an increase in students with special needs and significant barriers faced by students with disabilities. Efforts are being made to implement inclusive practices without increasing workloads, with further investigation into impacts on doctoral students.
    b. Vacant premises and relocation: Roughly 12% of space at BMC is currently vacant, which may lead to department relocations around 2028. Linnea recommended compensating doctoral students if relocated to prevent research disruptions. The board suggested bringing the discussion further with the medical faculty committee.
    c. Student's rights document: Updates to the guidelines on Bachelor's and Master's student rights are planned, which may affect doctoral students with teaching responsibilities.
    d. Travel registration in Primula: It was reported that nearly half of employees fail to register travel abroad in Primula prior to departure, causing potential insurance issues.
    e. System updates: The university plans to replace or update the Primula system by 2028.
    f. Doctoral student enrollment: A slight decline in the number of doctoral students was reported, likely linked to current financial constraints.
    g. Mandatory training: Mandatory training in Good Research Practice is suggested for all future doctoral students.
    h. Library subscriptions: Contract negotiations with Wiley regarding library resources remain ongoing.
B. Natalia Remper (Vice chair): continued improving the doctoral board website and served as the main contact person for suggestions and feedback toward the website.
C. Angelika Hermawan (Secretary): worked on enhancing and managing the doctoral board's social media platform.
D. Bhagya Fernando (Event manager): planned 3-4 upcoming events for November
E. Dag Jensen (JDR representative): monitored progress on the library report missive

§12 Other comments or issues

A. Seminar - Sustainable Work Environments and Well-Being for Doctoral Students
    - Linnea Wikström, chair, will attend to represent doctoral students.
B. Social activity for the board (pizza after board meeting in December)
    - The board postponed the decision on free pizza night at a later date to maximize attendance.
    - Linnea Wikström was delegated to create a Rally poll to select a date for the social activity in December.

C. Booking of future meeting rooms
    - The board agreed to rotate meeting locations and to select the venue for each upcoming meeting at the end of the preceding one.
    - Rudbeck Laboratory was selected as the venue for the next meeting. Camille Cabrolier and Filippa Bertilsson were delegated to assist with the room booking process.

§13 Closing of the meeting

The meeting was closed at 16:50.

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