

Protokoll – Doktorandnämndens sammanträde 27/2-2017 kl. 15-17.

Minutes – Meeting with the doctoral board February 27 2017 at 15-17 Lauritzen-salen, Studentkåren, Övre Slottsgatan 7

<i>Adam Sabir, Chair DN (Present)</i>	<i>Rekha Tripathi, FDR (absent)</i>
<i>Katharina Rudisch, Vice-chair DN (Present)</i>	<i>Karl Bergman, HDR (absent)</i>
<i>Josef Dahlberg, Vice-chair DN (present)</i>	<i>Johan Boberg, HDR (present)</i>
<i>Neil de Kock, TNDR (absent)</i>	<i>Oskar Mossberg, JDR (present)</i>
<i>Dorothea Ledinek, TNDR (present)</i>	<i>Stefan Döring, SDR (absent)</i>
<i>Joel Jansson, UDR (absent)</i>	<i>Johanna Ohlsson, TDR (present)</i>
<i>Tahira Batool, MDR (absent)</i>	<i>Vacancy, Clubmaster</i>
<i>Deepesh Gupta, MDR (absent)</i>	<i>Philippa Björk, Ombudsman (present)</i>
<i>Love Forsberg, TNDR (present)</i>	<i>Sara Roslin, FDR (present § 1-9)</i>

- §1. Öppnande / *Opening of the meeting*
The chair opened the meeting.
- §2. Sekreterare (beslut)/ *Secretary (decision)*
Johanna Ohlsson (TDR) was elected as secretary (§1-9a), Dorothea Ledinek took over from §9b-14.
- §3. Justeringsperson (beslut) / *Attestant (decision)*
Katharina Rudisch was elected as attestant.
- §4. Fastställande av föredragningslistan (beslut) / *Approval of agenda (decision)*
The agenda was approved without changes.
- §5. Kallelseförfarandet (beslut) / *Approval of call procedure (decision)*
The call procedure was approved.
- §6. Godkännande av föregående mötesprotokoll (beslut) / *Approval of previous meeting minutes (decision)*
- Protocol from DN meeting on 2017-01-30 was approved with minor changes:
 - Correction of last name of Sara Andersson
 - Katharina is a member of the Quality board.
- §7. Adjungeringar (beslut) / *Co-optations (decision)*
Kristina von Hausswolff, Anna Eklund (§1-7) and Sara Roslin (§ 1-9) were coopted.
- Anna Eklund (ombudsman SULF),

Anna shares information about SULF's work in regard to international PhD-students. (25 minutes, Q & A. Prepare questions in advance)

Anna gives a presentation of the work of SULF (Svenska Universitetslärare och Forskare) and how this is relevant for us as PhD candidates.

- Anna stresses the importance of being a member of SULF.
 - It is now possible to get work permits for a period of two years instead of one, this is an issue of which SULF has been involved in. However, this only applies to employed PhD students, not to PhD students on scholarships or stipends.
 - What happens if you do not finish on time? This would not guarantee a work permit, as you need to have a contract.
 - Solution around SGI (sjukpenninggrundande inkomsten) is tricky. If you don't have funding left and are still not done with your thesis, contact SULF asap.
 - A-kassa is only applicable if you are soon about to finish, since the A-kassa is not supposed to be used as a way of financing the finalisation of your PhD studies. However, in order to be applicable for A-kassa, you need to be a member for at least a year.
 - The income insurance (90 % of your salary, in combination with A-kassa) is included in the deal if you are a member.
 - 5/10 2017, The PhD Movie is to be shown at Ångströms.
- Kristina von Hausswolff (suppleant doctoral representative on the hearing assembly for the appointment of the vice-chancellor, and PhD student representative to the Academic Senate) and Johan Boberg (HDR rep, and suppleant doctoral representative on the hearing assembly for the appointment of the vice-chancellor);

Kristina and Johan shares information about the work within the hearing assembly and Academic Senate.

Currently, the Hearing Assembly has met once and the Student Assembly (consisting of the the students and PhD students representatives in the Hearing Assembly) twice. The doctoral students have gathered on their own once to discuss the process and the job specification. The Recruitment Group had met twice when Sara Andersson (the doctoral representative in the group) gave her last report (13/2). The job specification has been sent for consultation to the University Board, which met 17/2 and gave their approval. It has now been sent to the Hearing Assembly, which will have their next meeting 14/3. The Student Assembly will gather 7/3. When the job specification has been settled, the Recruitment Group will, together with a recruitment firm, start looking for suitable candidates.

The profile has been approved by the Konsistorium, but is still open for input.

TNDR and TDR have discussed the profile, and DN encourage all local boards to send their input to the PhD representatives to the Hearing Assembly.

§8. Val (beslut)/ *Election (decision)*

- Madelene Persson is elected as PhD-representative in Centrum för mångvetenskaplig forskning om rasism (CemFor), after a voting procedure, Frida Buhre (3 votes) and Madelene Persson (4 votes).

§9. Meddelanden av allmänt intresse (information) / *General messages (information)*

a) Presidiemeddelanden / *Messages from the presidium*

Adam:

- The recruitment group has proposed a Vice-Chancellor profile.
- The Chair of DN has been at Gotland with the Management Council, discussing the collaboration forms between the Uppsala and the Gotland campus. The university is considering various options for the premises at St Olofsgatan.
- Update from the Consistory
- A contact has been established with other Swedish PhD-boards
- US trip, discussing cooperation between universities is taking place 25/3-2/4 2017.
- DN as a student union of its own? Lessons learned from Lund, SLU and Malmö, ongoing discussion on how to organise PhD questions. This should be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Upcoming visit by Peter Reinholdsson, the person in charge of the PhD student supervision course. Josef is attending the course on April 5.
- DN-logotype (postponed to next meeting)

Josef:

- Josef Dahlberg proposes forms for the DN-fund/DN-awards. Nominations are invited from now on. Different procedures were discussed. The presidium has been looking into different types of activities that could be rewarded. Josef will email the local boards asking for nominees.
- Josef Dahlberg asks for input to a presentation for the academic senate 7/3 about student representation and how this can be improved
- Progress within the Academic Senate

Katharina:

- No Quality board meeting since the previous DN meeting
- Updates on our webpage are connected to our twitter account - how can we promote our twitter account? Who is responsible?

b) Råds- och representantmeddelanden / Messages from councils and other representatives

FDR:

UDR:

No representative at the meeting.

TNDR:

- TNDR has had one meeting since last DN meeting.
- TNDR has made a summary of the sick leave survey from last year, which will be sent out to all prefects at the faculty. If anyone at the DN meeting is interested in taking part of the results, contact TNDR chair Rasmus Luthander.
- TNDR discussed at the meeting which kind of courses that should be funded by the faculty, for example soft skills courses, and how to appoint the number of credits.
- TNDR finds it important to make a portal for all course at PhD level and to make it easier to take master's level courses at other departments within Teknat faculty (and preferably also at other faculties). Non-european citizens have to pay tuition fees if they apply for bachelor/master courses in the regular way.
- TNDR will start a collaboration with the student union UTN regarding the career fair Utarm in order to make it more relevant for PhD students.
- TNDR regularly organizes informal events and "PhD students days" are planned to be held in May.
- The results from the large PhD student survey from 2015 have been presented to the equality council at TEKNAT. There are some interesting disagreements about information on PhD studies at TEKNAT: Supervisors think that they inform their PhD students well about what is required and expected from PhD students, but PhD students do not feel well informed. Supervisors think that they are using the individual study plan seriously, while students have more the feeling that it is just a formality and that their supervisor does not take it too seriously. There were nearly no differences in all answers between genders, except that women take the pedagogical course more frequently than men. There were much larger differences between students, who had taken their Master in Sweden and those who had not. Students who did their masters outside Sweden think they are more well-informed and less stressed compared to those with a Swedish exam, but actually know less what the law says about PhD studies, when asked specifically.

JDR:

- JDR is currently compiling information and drafting a document regarding prolongation for different positions within or tied to the faculty.
- JDR has learned of some further issues regarding the way new doctoral students are greeted during their first days, particularly regarding failures to comply with routines

regarding assignment of rooms, computers and such. JDR is discussing this with the faculty, and intends to monitor the issue closely.

- JDR continues its work with different social events, such as doctoral lunches, seminars etc.

SDR:

No representative at the meeting.

MDR:

No representative at the meeting.

HDR:

- HDR is, together with HSDU, conducting a survey of the amount of prolongation that doctoral students receive when teaching (within the disciplinary domain of the humanities and social sciences).
- HDR will continue to organize after work events for PhD students a few times every semester.

TDR:

- UKÄ is evaluating the Phd programmes in History of Religion and Ethics as pilot projects.
- TDR has carried out an evaluation of the research seminars, as a step in order to monitor PhD candidate's interests in the current reform at the faculty.
- TDR has received and briefly discussed the draft of the report regarding prolongation from HSDU, and considers this to be an issue that should be monitored on the faculty level, but encourages collaboration between different doctoral councils and HSDU.
- TDR has been monitoring the introduction to teaching for PhD candidates, a faculty guideline has been revised.
- TDR successfully organised a PhD candidate gasque February 15 and continues with the regular informal lunches for PhD candidates.

Equality Council:

- The working group for students and PhD candidates are, as during last semester, focusing on psychosocial and organisational health for PhD candidates (and students). First meeting for this semester was held February 14, and the central theme for this semester is to emphasise practical aspects of what was discussed and identified as important areas during the fall. This will generate two guidelines regarding supervision (one focusing on changing supervisor and the other on number of PhD students per supervisor) and a mapping exercise of relevant functions available for PhD candidates at UU.
- The Equality Council is happy to serve as remissinstans for the PhD Handbook.

Ombudsman:

- Migrationsverket have a new praxis where PhD students get their residence permit for two years at once instead of just one year as before. This is both for the first application and reapplication and also for co-applicants.
- UU will soon decide on new Student Working Conditions guidelines (Studenternas arbetsvillkor) which in this version explicitly exclude PhD students where the previous one could sometimes be used for problems with PhD courses. We have been in discussions about this but the document will still not apply to PhD students. Over the years we have only had a few cases where these guidelines have been relevant at PhD courses, but what are your thoughts? Are there problems with the PhD courses that need corresponding guidelines?

§10. PhD-handbook, path forward (*information, discussion and suggestions*)

- The working group gave an update on the procedure for revising the PhD Handbook.
- An invitation to comment on the draft versions of the PhD-handbook has been sent out. The deadline for comments has been set to march 17. Hopefully this will allow all interested parties to comment on the drafts.

§11. Additions to the DN “reglemente”. (*This point was not discussed during the meeting due to lack of time*)

- Proposal 1: “The board-members are expected to represent PhD-students within at least one representative body during their mandate.”
- Proposal 2: “The elected PhD-representatives within various committees are elected to represent all PhD-students opinion. In order to fulfil their duty they need to regularly update the board on their work, attend DN-meetings, and affirm the overarching PhD-opinion before important decisions/ and input within their committees.”
- Proposal 3: “DN reserves the right to veto the local PhD councils’ *re-election* of an inactive board member that has without a legitimate reason been absent for more than 80% of the board meetings.”

§12. Övriga frågor / *Other comments or issues*

§13. Upcoming Meetings spring 2017 (*information*)

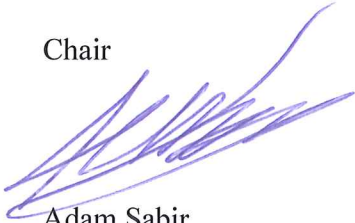
- Extra call for meeting in March?; Next meeting 10/4; 15/5; June-meeting to be announced.
- Since it seems unlikely that we will find a Club master to organize the PhD gasque this year we have some extra money in DN’s budget. This could be used for an Internat for all DN members, maybe we can also invite the council chairs.

DN supports this idea and the presidium will organize such an internat. More information will follow.

§14. Mötets avslutande/ *Closing of the meeting*

- The chair closes the meeting.

Chair



Adam Sabir

Secretary §1-9a



Johanna Ohlsson

Secretary §9b-14



Dorothea Ledinek

Attestant



Katharina Rudisch