

Protokoll – Doktorandnämndens sammanträde 10/4-2017 kl. 15:15-17.

Minutes – Meeting with the doctoral board April the 10th 2017 at 15:15-17 Lauritzen-salen, Studentkåren, Övre Slottsgatan 7

Adam Sabir, Chair DN	Rekha Tripathi, FDR
Katharina Rudisch, Vice-chair DN	Karl Bergman, HDR
Josef Dahlberg, Vice-chair DN	Johan Boberg, HDR
Neil de Kock, TNDR	Oskar Mossberg, JDR
Dorothea Ledinek, TNDR	Stefan Döring, SDR
Joel Jansson, UDR (not present)	Maximilian Broberg, TDR
Tahira Batool, MDR (not present)	Vacancy , Clubmaster
Deepesh Gupta, MDR (not present)	Philippa Björk, Ombudsman (not present)

- §1. Öppnande / *Opening of the meeting*
The chair opened the meeting.
- §2. Sekreterare (beslut)/ *Secretary (decision)*
Johan Boberg (HDR) was elected as secretary.
- §3. Justeringsperson (beslut) / *Attestant (decision)*
Josef Dahlberg 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)*
- Approval of the meeting minutes from the DN meeting on 2016-11-14
The protocol from the DN meeting on 2016-11-14 was approved.
 - Approval of the meeting minutes from the previous DN meeting (2017-02-27)
The protocol from the DN meeting on 2017-02-27 was approved.
- §7. Adjungeringar (beslut) / *Co-optations (decision)*
Johan Wickström and Sara Andersson were coopted.
- §8. Johan Wickström presents for 30 min about how the course for the PhD-supervisors is structured in scope and content.

Johan Wickström, from the Unit for Academic Teaching and Learning, gave a presentation of their course for PhD-supervisors. Johan gave a brief overview of the content of the course. It is a course for those who are or are about to become

supervisors, and gathers people from all areas of the university. They also organize seminars for more experienced supervisors. Uppsala University has decided that supervisors must take a course on supervision, but the length and depth of such a course is not regulated. There are similar, but less demanding, courses at MedFarm and TekNat.

At Uppsala university it has been decided to invite representatives from DN, rather than individual students, to present the PhD-perspective, since that is considered to be a better way of addressing more systematic problems. It was suggested that DN could also contribute to the content of the course by writing different "cases" to be discussed.

Josef and Stefan raised the question whether supervisors should also prepare PhD-students for work outside of academia. Johan answered that the question is addressed partly in the course. Most supervisors consider themselves as only responsible for things having to do with research. Work outside of academia is someone else's responsibility. Niel suggested that this could be addressed as an issue of the transferability of one's skills to other areas. Josef remarked that it is stipulated that "doctoral studies" should prepare students for work outside of academia, and that this is not necessarily the responsibility of supervisors, but could be dealt with at some other level.

Katharina raised a question sent by Philippa Björk (Ombudsman): many problems that Philippa deals with has to do with the fact that the amount of time devoted to supervision is not regulated. How often should one meet? Should one meet in person? Etcetera. Johan answered that this topic is raised in the course. How it is dealt with varies significantly. At some departments it is regulated, at others it is not. They who do not have clear regulations usually say that it cannot be regulated since supervision is done in the laboratory etcetera.

Johan said that if he was in DN's position he would prioritize getting the different parts of the university away from organizing their own courses, since the local courses are not as thorough as the common course.

The question was raised whether people should be obliged to take the course again after, say, ten years. Johan answered that this would perhaps be a good idea, but at the moment it is more important to get everyone to actually take the course in the first place.

- §9. Recruitment-group. *Sara Andersson* will give a short summary (max 10 min) about how the Vice-Chancellor profile came about, the PhD-perspectives it contains and the way forward from there. Sara will also bring with her the copy (1 page of the profile).

Sara Andersson gave a brief summary of the current state of the election process. So far there has been two meetings with the Hearing Assembly, four meetings with the Recruitment Group and three meetings with the Student Assembly. Most of the work

has been devoted to writing the job specification. Sara handed out a draft of the job specification, which is soon to be announced, both in Sweden and internationally.

The current Vice-Chancellor, Eva Åkesson, has accepted being a candidate to the post, but anyone can apply for the position. New candidates can be elected for six years, whereas the current Vice-Chancellor could only be elected for three more years.

The last day of application will be in the middle of May. The next meeting with the Recruitment Group will be in June, when they will discuss the applicants. The Student Assembly will meet in April. DN is encouraged to propose candidates to the Recruitment Group. DN is also asked to suggest questions to be asked when the candidates are presented in September.

§10. Update on the PhD-handbook (10 min).

Oskar Mossberg gave an update on the process of revising the PhD-handbook. Most of the work has been completed. The draft has been sent to the councils, as well as to the Council for Equal Opportunities. When all comments have been received, Oscar will make a few final adjustments. The goal is to have the handbook ready for approval at the meeting on the 5th of May.

§11. Messages from the presidium (5 min + 5 min for questions)

Adam Sabir:

Adam gave a report on his trip to USA with the University Board, where they visited UCL Berkley, Stanford University and University of Washington. Exchange students, as well as visiting professors and teachers, were topics of discussion. Not much of what was dealt with was directly related to the situation of PhD-students. Some universities, which are dependent upon federal funding (such as Johns Hopkins), are worried that the present administration might cut part of their funding (especially with regard to Gender Studies and Climate Research). UCL has adopted two "Grand Challenges" which are to involve all areas of research: 1) to make California entirely sustainable and 2) to completely eradicate depression in USA.

Josef Dahlberg:

Josef had been to a meeting with the Academic Senate where the student's presented 45 minutes on issues having to do with student representation. They discussed recruitment, especially the difficulty of finding dedicated representatives. The main problem is that the incentives for being a representative are not good enough. They also discussed the topic of internationalization, and the problems that result from the fact that internationalization is a goal, but the university system is national. At the next Senate, the student's will have 30 minutes to discuss these issues further, with more focus on concrete solutions. Thus Josef need DN's input on what issues we face in relation to student representation and how one could work to solve them.

Katharina Rudisch:

Katarina reported that there will be a presentation on PhD-evaluation at the next meeting with the Quality Board. She also reported that Uppsala University is in the process of replacing existing platforms, such as Studentportalen and PingPong, with a new and unified platform. Studentportalen will be used for certain administrative tasks even in the future. Furthermore, she reported that DN's e-mail list has been updated.

§12. Board members and relevant council-priorities (15 min)

UDR:

Mona-Lisa Henriksson reported that they have had one meeting since last time. Of the four or five attending, two were newly elected. UDR has had problems lately due to key figures either being on parental leave or sick leave.

HDR:

Johan Boberg reported that HDR has sent a document to the faculties and departments, informing them that DN will no longer be able to provide funding for local PhD-councils. The faculties and departments are asked to provide funding, where needed.

TDR:

Maximilian Broberg reported that they have had one or two meetings since last time. That they are monitoring the current reorganization, and seeing to that the research seminars are taken care of and that the working environment is good for PhD-students. The faculty of theology is moving to new facilities.

TNDR:

Rasmus Luthander reported that they have had one meeting since last time. They are currently discussing teaching. Some are getting credits for the teaching course, other get prolongation, some are even getting both. At times, the conditions differ even within the same research groups or departments, and it seems to be up to the supervisors to make the decision. They will organize the PhD-days 8-10th of May. The program will be sent to DN later on.

JDR:

Oskar Mossberg had nothing of relevance to DN to report.

FDR:

Rekha Tripathi reported that they are currently compiling a document with information on teaching for new PhD-student. They will be organizing a PhD-career day.

SDR:

Stefan Döring reported that they are currently investigating the level of compensation for teaching at the different departments. They have also organized a workshop on publishing.

The Internationalization Board:

Stefan Döring reported that they have discussed assessment indicators.

- §13. Questions to board members reports (5 min)
MDR is currently not working, which seems to be caused by problems at the department. FDR is handling some of the questions that MDR is supposed to take care of. The problem will be discussed at the internat.
- §14. Övriga frågor / *Other comments or issues*
DN is having an internat on the 5th of May. Josef raised the question whether the gathering should be kept small (only DN) or if we should invite a larger group of people. It was decided that we should invite a larger group of people.
- §15. Upcoming Meetings spring 2017 (*information*)
The next meeting will be held on the 15th of May.
- §16. Mötets avslutande/ *Closing of the meeting*
The chair closed the meeting.

Chair




Adam Sabir

Secretary



Johan Boberg

Attestant



Josef Dahlberg