



Uppsala studentkår
Doktorandnämnden

Protocol: Meeting with the Doctoral Board (DN), 29 Apr 2015, 09:15

Venue: Lauritzen, Uppsala Student Union

Present:

Sara Andersson, chairperson DN
Emil Hamnevik, vice chairperson DN
Anna Lewander, JDR
Houda Landolsi, HDR
Simon Henriksson, TDR
Viktor Granvald, SDR
Sudarsana Reddy Vanga, TNDR

Karl Bergman, HDR
Ilse Dubbelboer, FDR and INRÅ
Li Balkestål, repr. SFS-DK and academic
senate
Andreas Frisk, TNDR
Sofia Lindgren, UDR

§1. *Opening of the meeting*

The chairperson opened the meeting.

§2. *Attestant (decision)*

Sofia Lindgren was appointed as attestant.

§3. *Co-optations (decision)*

There were no co-optations.

§4. *Approval of the agenda (decision)*

The agenda was approved without changes.

§5. *Approval of the call procedure (decision)*

The call procedure was approved.

§6. *Approval of previous protocol (decision)*

The protocol from the previous meeting was approved.

§7. *Messages (information)*

a) Messages from the presidium

Sara reported that Uppsala is the student city of the year.

Sara reported that the University board discussed the program and activity plan for sustainable development. The program and activity plan was rejected and need to be revised.

Sara reported that an answer for UU's answer regarding UKÄ's proposal for the quality assurance in higher education has been sent in.

Sara reported that there is a discussion about a new evaluation on research. It hopefully will include doctoral education and undergraduate education.

Sara reported about the new ombudsman, which will be joint position handling both undergraduate students and PhD students. Interviews for the position will be in the beginning of May.

Emil reported from the council for research infrastructure that they had a meeting on the 9th of April with the deans regarding which national infrastructures UU wants to have in VR's guide. Some will not be included, but UU will finance some them self.

Emil reported from the quality council that they were on a lunch to lunch meeting where they went through the evaluation by Hans Ellegren regarding the KoF's, where he had interviewed different people at the university about what they thought about the KoFs. Overall people were positive, but there were some problem regarding the experience in the reference groups. This will be a start on how UU will evaluate research in the future. They talked about the, probable, new system of evaluation of education. That the universities will do the evaluations themselves and UKÄ will check that the universities do it. They talked about quality in collaborations ("samverkan"). The university does a lot of collaboration, for example the akademiska hospital. UU needs to become better at advertising the collaborations we have. E-learning was also discussed. An evaluation regarding e-learning have been done and the work up till then was summarized at the meeting. We do quite a lot of e-learning (not only distance courses), but we need to define e-learning better at our university and what we want e-learning to be here. This to know what we want to focus our resources on. There were two suggestions from this work: exchange the student portal for a better teaching platform (which could include more help and methods for e-learning) and update the skills of the teachers regarding e-learning.

Emil reported that he will go to a seminar regarding developing a system for systematic evaluations at UU.

b) Messages from councils and other representatives

Simon reported that they have started a group to work with quality issues with regards to the UKÄ survey. There have been discussions using the individual study plan to clarify the expectations, both on PhD students and on supervisors. They will have an event to forge your own nail for the dissertation.

Li reported what they have done in SFS-DK. They have focused on having a good research education. They have been involved in UKÄs evaluation (in the design). Still problem with migration, not with getting visa, but to get citizenship, they are working on this. Working on guidelines on prolongation for representative work, Uppsala at least has guidelines, but no university has good guidelines.

Li reported from the academic senate that they have been discussing quality evaluations.

Sofia reported that UDR have adjusted the elections to their board to synchronize with the other PhD councils.

Anna reported that JDR is planning a workshop with the library on how make your dissertation, like the form on how it looks like and when you should do things. They are still working on the teaching situation.

Ilse reported from FDR that they have had elections, but still have some left.

Ilse reported from INRÅ that they have discussed the increase of international PhD students. They do not know why there has been an increase.

Ilse reported that SULF has sent a letter to the department of education regarding the problem with non-English students cannot take part in decisions. They want boards to make a summary in English, have the meetings in English, to make sure non-Swedish speaking PhD students can teach in English and PhD students should have the possibility to learn Swedish.

Ilse reported that Helena Eklund Snäll asked for DN's view on the conditions for outside financed PhD students. The DN view is that all PhD should have the same benefits and conditions, both hired and external financed. The guidelines of UU are that stipend students should get up to utbildningsbidrag, but that do not exists anymore.

Andreas reported that TNDR will have their PhD days and have upcoming elections.

§8. *Election of doctoral representatives (decision)*

- *Chair: will be elected per capsulum*
- *Vice-chair 1: Sara Andersson was elected*
- *Vice-chair 2: Neil de Kock was elected*
- *Academic senate 1: Sara Andersson was elected*
- *Consistorium: Sara Andersson was elected*
- *Quality council: Neil de Kock was elected*
- *Management council: will be elected per capsulum*
- *Academic senate 2: Inti Lammi was elected*
- *Academic senate 3: vacant*
- *Quality council suppleant: Inti Lammi was elected*

§9. *Webpage of the Doctoral board (decision)*

The board is still reluctant to the new webpage and having it on a private server. The question will be raised again at the next meeting.

§10. *Other issues*

Sara raised the question about non-European PhD students having to finance their own courses. If the students take a course on master level which is not stated in the individual study plan, you may have to finance it on your own. Make sure to talk to your supervisor before attending a course to get an approval and a promise about financial support.

Sara raised the question about teaching abroad for PhD students. The host-University would pay for living costs.

§12. *Closing of the meeting*

The meeting was closed by the chairperson.

Chairperson Sara Andersson

Attestant Sofia Lindgren

Meeting secretary Emil Hamnevik