



Uppsala studentkår
Doktorandnämnden

Protocol: Meeting with the Doctoral Board (DN), 26 Feb 2015, 09:15

Venue: Lauritzen, Uppsala Student Union

Present:

Sara Andersson, chairperson DN
Emma Elfversson, vice chairperson DN
Emil Hamnevik, vice chairperson DN
Anna Lewander, JDR

Karl Bergman, HDR
Ilse Dubbelboer, FDR and INRÅ
Ausra Padskocimaite, SDR
Andreas Frisk, TNDR

§1. *Opening of the meeting*

The chairperson opened the meeting.

§2. *Attestant (decision)*

Ausra Padskocimaite 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.

From now on the protocols will be written in English, so anyone can understand the protocols.

§7. *Messages (information)*

a) Messages from the presidium

Sara reported that an answer on the remiss was sent in regarding UKÄ's evaluation of the PhD program. UU's comments were similar to the ones of the DN. The answer was that the evaluation suggestion was not good enough and needs to be revised.

Sara reported that there will be a re-building of the university house and it will be closed whole 2016. Carolina Rediviva will probably also have some changes, but will likely occur in 2017. For the university house the re-building takes its form as better access for people who cannot walk up on stairs and more toilets for example. For Carolina more areas for students to work are going to be added if this re-building will occur.

Sara reported that there is a new council at UU; the revision council. The revision council will be a link between the University board and the internal revision at Uppsala University. The aim of the internal revision is to check that the university is working okay and doing a lot of risk assessment for all part of the university. Sara is a member in the revision council.

Emma reported that Uppsala Student union is in the process of recruiting a new doktorandombudsman (DO). One part of the process is to find temporary DO until a permanent DO can be recruited. The second part of the process is to find a person for the permanent position. There was one applicant for the temporary position, an interview was conducted, and the applicant seems to be very qualified and have a lot of experience with PhD issues. The process needs to be finalized and hopefully the new temporary ombudsman will start working soon.

Emma reported that a new presidium in the academic senate has been chosen and there has been a meeting with the new presidium. Future meetings have been decided.

Emil reported about that the quality council has been discussing around VR's new system for research evaluation, FOKUS. The new system should have a resource distribution based on the collegial assessment on the university quality and performance in research, including scientific judgments and relevance and usefulness for the society. The new system should be more quality based rather than indicator as it is today. VR seem to assume that some of the funding will still be distributed in regards of performance and achievements.

Emil reported that the quality council has been discussing the referral regarding the upcoming evaluation of the research programs from UKÄ. The referral has been sent and the comments were much like the ones in the preview of the referral together with comments from example DN.

Emil reported that a group has been assigned to form a suggestion on what UU wants to have as an evaluation system for education at the different levels. Emil is part of this group as a PhD representative.

Emil reported from the research infrastructure council that a questionnaire has been sent out to the heads of the departments regarding what infrastructures exist that have funding until 2015 and 2016. This has been done due to the new system from VR regarding the funding for infrastructure of national interest. Another questionnaire will be sent out to ask for future research infrastructure investments of national interest.

b) Messages from councils and other representatives

Ilse reported from INRÅ that the language policy working group talked a lot about the language policy. They have a rough draft, but in it the viewpoint of the PhDs has not gotten enough space. We have been grouped up with the students. Ilse is working to get PhD students more space in this document which suits PhD students, both as students and as teachers. The document also says that meetings will be held in Swedish and people in the meeting need to understand Swedish and preferably also speak Swedish. According to the language law all documents with decisions, rules and regulations should be in Swedish. Ilse said she is working on trying to see if this can be changed so meetings can be held in English. Other universities in Sweden seem to have a more open language policy.

It was reported from HDR that they have been discussing the upcoming evaluation from UKÄ. English program will be a pilot program this spring. A problem will be that the evaluation is in Swedish and few speak Swedish. They have been discussing the ISP and the form of it. Will have the humanioradagarna in April, the aim is to present humanitarian sciences for the society in general. SALT doesn't exist anymore, they had, for example, a course on academic writing. The Hugo Valentin Centre might be closed. Chinese will be a new PhD subject.

It was reported from JDR that there has been a seminar for new teachers. They had a seminar with KUUP previously and this was the base for the new seminar. They discussed the teaching situation in different semesters ("terminer"). Also, a questionnaire about teaching was sent out to PhDs.

Research committee will have a seminar regarding research and supervision.

§8. *Election of election committee (decision)*

The election committee will consist of Karl Bergman (Hum-Sam), Ilse Dubbelboer (Med-Farm) and Andreas Frisk (Tek-Nat).

§9. *Follow-up - support for PhD students in their teaching (information)*

The proposal for the letter to the principle (*see appendix i*) was presented. Some suggestions to changes are: at the department level, the responsible person should be the study director. At the university level, there should be a responsibility to develop guidelines for the whole university. The letter will be sent out as soon as possible.

§10. *Webpage of the Doctoral board (information)*

The members of the meeting were informed about the new web-page, which will be tested by the members until the next meeting.

§11. *Other issues*

Sara reported she has been continuing working with the prolongation and will have a meeting with the personnel and salary department.

§12. *Closing of the meeting*

The meeting was closed by the chairperson.

Chairperson Sara Andersson

Attestant Ausra Padskocimaite

Meeting secretary Emil Hamnevik

Appendix i

Bästa Rektor,

I ljuset av det nya programmet för mål och strategier samt en kommande revidering av det pedagogiska programmet har vi som önskemål att doktoranders undervisning och pedagogiska meritering uppmärksammas och ses över. Doktorandes undervisning, främst bristande introduktion och stöd samt uppföljning i form av utvecklingssamtal, är något som ständigt diskuteras inom Doktorandnämnden likväl som i Doktorandråden vid Uppsala universitet. Vår förhoppning är att Uppsala universitet ska se oss doktorander som en viktig resurs i undervisningen. För att öka den pedagogiska kvaliteten är introduktion och kontinuerlig uppföljning ett viktigt inslag i doktorandernas utbildning. En kontinuerlig uppföljning mellan kursansvarig och doktorand leder till att kursutbud kan uppdateras på ett effektivare sätt, samtidigt som doktoranden får stöd i sin undervisning om så behövs. Detta gör att den pedagogiska kvaliteten likväl som utbildningskvaliteten ökar.

Vi doktorander är en viktig länk mellan forskning och utbildning, och därmed en förutsättning för ett fungerande och förstklassigt universitet. Var inte rädda att nyttja oss i detta syfte. Istället för att berätta om de brister som finns, vill vi istället lyfta fram de institutioner där stöd i doktoranders undervisning sker på bästa sätt. Dessa doktorander får en fullgod introduktion, där introduktion anpassas till undervisningstillfälle. Varje termin sker en uppföljning av doktorandens undervisning där en återkoppling mellan doktorand och kursansvarig/studierektor ger doktoranden möjlighet att diskutera eventuella svårigheter, samt diskutera undervisningens upplägg och innehåll. Detta är ett viktigt inslag för att kontinuerligt kunna förbättra kursmoment. Som vi ser det finns det behövs åtgärder på olika nivåer inom universitetet, centralt likväl som på fakultets- och institutionsnivå.

Universitetsnivå

- Att det pedagogiska programmet ses över där större vikt läggs vid doktorandens roll som lärare.

Fakultetsnivå

- Varje fakultet ansvarar för att nyantagna doktorander som ämnar undervisa i samband med kursstart ges en kort introduktion (en eller två dagar). Doktorander bör introduceras till vilken typ av undervisning som sker inom fakulteten, doktorandens rättigheter och skyldigheter samt utbildningssystemet vid Uppsala universitet. Fakulteten tar fram riktlinjer och material men genomförandet kan delegeras till institutionsnivå.

Institutionsnivå

- Varje institution ska ha (minst) en ansvarig person som i samband med kursutvärdering också har uppföljning med undervisande doktorander, i form av utvecklingssamtal, för att ge ett ökat stöd, ökad pedagogisk kvalitet samt en kontinuerlig förbättring av utbildningen.

Sara Andersson

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Ordförande Doktorandnämnden