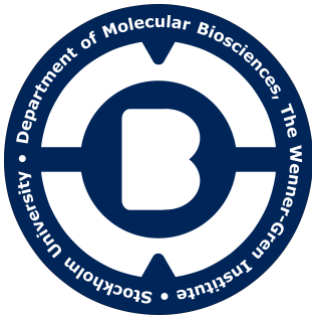




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**Protocol for PhD Council Board meeting – scheduled
2026 – February 24th, 12:00-13:00, Room F504**

Attendees: Emma Block, Lova Granqvist, Elena Afanaseva, Tonyak Riba, Magdalena Natalia Marchewa, Andrea Lobo Municio, Terence Infant Wilson Lawrence, Patricia Grabher, Ylva Veith, Akshit Jain, Miren Urrutia Iturritza, Isabella Badollati, Simon Prokisch, Symeon Kourmoulakis, Julian Vogel, Oskar Ahrens

Chair: Emma Block

Certifier: Miren Urrutia Iturritza

Clerk: Lova Granqvist

1. Welcome

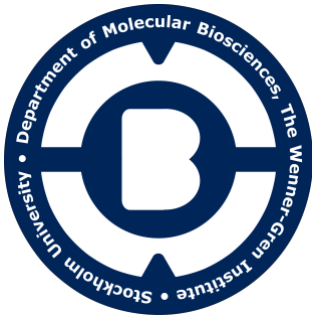
Introducing the new board.

2. Fika for new PhD students

New PhD students, 5 new students are joining the department, A welcome fika for new students at end of April, waiting for some of the new students to start before.

3. Lunch seminar

First event is to invite one of the unions, naturvetarna. It will be a lunch seminar, will talk about how the job market is at this point for life sciences, where people find jobs, has a lot of data about the specific field. Will be available for



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postdocs and researchers also. Coffee and snacks will be served.

21st April 2026, should be in E306.

4. Scholarships and stipends

Reminder to apply for stipends and scholarships, have more funds than applicants. Donation scholarship opens 15th March and closes 15th April.

5. Feedback about PhD courses

Ylva went to a meeting for Bioresearch school, the Bioresearch school wants to have feedback about how PhD students are enjoying the courses. A survey has been created and will be sent out to gather more feedback. Also reminder that low amount of participants can mean courses can't be held.

Courses coming this semester:

Introduction to studies in Biology

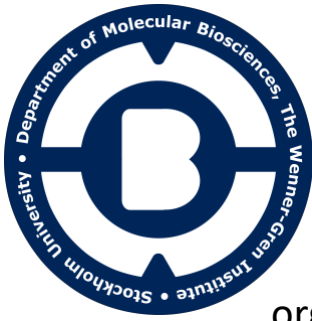
Microscopy course

After the PhD

Isotope course

6. PhD day

PhD day is May 6th, anyone from biology department can attend. You get credit for presenting and a free dinner. Generally more MBW students attending, how can we get



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more students from DEEP and Zoophys to attend?
Should DBB also be invited? Ylva will mention it to the organizers.

7. Booking of DEEP kitchen

DEEP technical group does not allow the booking of the DEEP kitchen for PhD defenses for MBW students. DEEP admin says its fine but DEEP technical group is not okay with it. Will ask them to communicate to see if it would be possible to book it.

8. MBW department board meeting

Two meetings. One that concerned Alek Ericksson who got a offer from KI but who is staying at MBW.

Regular meeting:

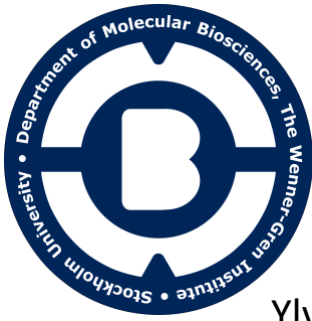
Irene from buttner lab won best PhD thesis.

SU butiken is closing down, No etanol stocks since we get it from them, lets be careful with the stocks. We still have boutique plastique.

Safety survey coming in march about violence and harassment at the workplace, will be anonymous.

New common equipment, Ultra sonicator and new chemidoc (F4).

Teaching: Platform Athena changes to Canvas, get help through BIG or carl.hallberg@su.se.



9. NFR meeting

Ylva attended, discussed the mental health survey. They asked how we address it at MBW- had mental health seminar seemed successful and shows that these actions seems appreciated. Think about how to address it on the department level.

Might be good to implement green light system where you consider experiences from past students and number of students per PI, lab space etc. This is done at KI and could be nice to have at our department also.

10. Open discussion

Askhit attended the work environment meeting.

Cleaning day might be moved to September to account for the inspection.

Ask technical group how to do the KLARA assessment that's coming up. Be careful around old bottles, might be hazardous.

F4 kitchen will be done soon, however still a bit small kitchen for the number of groups in the corridor.

11. Meeting closure

Chair

Certifier