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### Protocol from the MBW PhD council meeting

2013-11-14

Present: Mikaela Behm (Chairman), Andreas Ring, Olaspers Sara Eriksson (Clerk), Jessica Olsen, Amanda González Bengtsson, Antoni Ganez, Fredrik Lackmann, Jayasankar M. Kaimal, Antonio Martins, Olle Dahlberg, Raquel Tavares, Xiao Wang, Nele de Klerk, Anna Pauter, Kun Wang and Stephanie Boström.

1. The meeting was declared opened.
2. Mikaela Behm was elected meeting Chairman.
3. Olaspers Sara Eriksson was elected meeting Clerk.
4. Jessica Olsen and Amanda González were elected Certifiers.
5. The agenda order was confirmed.
6. Reports.
  - 6.1. Jessica Slove Davidson informed about NOTIS. The NOTIS project is a collaboration between the science faculty at SU, KTH and Stockholm academic forum. Their aim is to increase the connections between the university and the outside labor market and their efforts are directed towards teachers at the university. If anyone has questions or ideas they may contact Jessica at [jessica.slove@su.se](mailto:jessica.slove@su.se).
  - 6.2. The seminar series/course for PhD students (MESS) is still being organized. The suggested format was presented at the latest group leader meeting (GLK) and they had a lot of positive comments of improvement, e.g. include post docs, shorter presentations (20 min + 10 min discussion), clarification of the aim etc. Discussions with GLK are continuing.
  - 6.3. Info about the Kick-off will be sent out to all attendants a.s.a.p.
  - 6.4. Info from the science faculty council (NFR). The NFR is a council that discusses reports that are then brought up at the faculty board. Elections for next year representatives in the NFR but also for positions in other advisory boards (such as the teacher recruitment board or lärarförslagsnämnden) are held December 2. For further information or interest, visit [sus.su.se](http://sus.su.se) or contact Mikaela Behm.
  - 6.5. The PhD council board has invited Ed Hurt from Heidelberg University in Germany to MASS on December 2. Any one who would like to discuss with Ed or join the lunch/dinner are welcome to contact the PhD council board. Information will be sent out by e-mail.
  - 6.6. MBW has invited the 2013 Nobel laureates Thomas Südhof and Randy Shekman for a seminar at SU on the topic: Setting the stage for discovery. The seminar will be held on Saturday December 14 from 10.00 to 13.00 and followed by an informal mingle.

7. Discussions and matters to be decided.

7.1. **How to avoid non-registered PhD students (skuggdoktorander) –**

The department has during the last 5-6 months accepted two PhD students with shortened study time that has or will soon graduate. The second application was, on the initiative of the PhD student representatives, postponed from approval by the department board with the requirement that it should instead specify a shortened study time. The faculty dean must approve applications with shorter study time before the dep. board can approve them. This specific intervention was performed at a late stage in the process of admission. Such an intervention can have a great impact on the individual, something that has to be kept in mind. However, it was intended as a step to avoid future non-registered PhD students. The individual was in the end accepted as a PhD student.

7.2 **Election of next year council board and representatives in the department board** – There was a discussion on how to organize the elections for 2014. Votes were collected on the two suggestions:

1. PhD students can candidate before the meeting. Representatives for candidacy can be sent to the meeting. Voting will be held at the meeting and PhD students that cannot attend will have the opportunity to e-mail their vote.
2. Candidates are only presented at the meeting and voting is held at that same meeting. Representatives for candidacy can be sent to the meeting.

Suggestion 2 won clear majority with eleven votes over five.

8. Additional points

8.1. Amanda Bengtsson will give a presentation on female behaviors that impede carrier goals at the next PhD council meeting.

8.2. Eva Severinson has compiled guidelines for the PhD education at MBW. They are however not translated into English. The PhD council board will send out a translated version and would like to have comments from the PhD students.

9. The next meeting will be a lunch meeting December 16.

10. The meeting was adjourned.


At the protocol:



Olaspers Sara Eriksson

Certified by:

Amanda Bengtsson



Jessica Olsen

