



Notes from the MBW PhD council meeting

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Present: Andreas Ring (Chairman), Jessica Olsen, Amanda Gonzalez Bengtsson, Fredrik Hurtig, Mattias Engelbrecht, Stefanie Bauer, Naveen Gowda, Marian Pantazopoulou, Michaela Nejedla, Jasper de Jong, Nele de Klerk, Yeneneh Haileselassie, Raquel Tavares, Alice Solazzo, Mikaela Behm, Fredrik Lackmann, Sara Sigurlasdottir.

1. Andreas was elected chairman
2. Jessica was elected clerk
3. Amanda was elected meeting certifier
4. *Reports and discussion.*
 - 4.1. **Invitation of Ronald Evans for MASS** – Amanda informed the PhD students about Ronald Evan due to his visit for MASS March 30th. More information about his visit will be sent out later.
 - 4.2. **Information from MBW Institutional Board** – The budget for 2015 was approved at the last institutional board meeting. It was decided that the PhD students will receive 50 000 kr for 2015 and use the remaining money from 2014.
 - 4.3. **PhD information folder** – The PhD student information folder will be part 3 of the information MBW is sending out to new employers. Andreas showed what has been done until now and the folder will be presented at the next PhD Council meeting in May. Comments on missing parts in the folder are: “Social things”, “Grants and friskvård” and “Insurances”.
 - 4.4. **BioResearch school** – Roger Karlsson want to inform all the PhD students to sign up for the current courses and visit the homepage regularly for more information.
 - 4.5. **Students from Utrecht University** – Jessica Slove Davidson contacted Andreas and informed that there are students from Utrecht University that will come and visit Stockholm University July 13-14. She asked if anyone is interested in showing these students that we are working with at MBW. The idea is to show the students how we work in the lab and have a small presentation regarding our research. No compensation, maybe lunch or fika. There were some interest in this from the PhD students and Andreas will contact Jessica again and inform her about this and ask for more details.
 - 4.6. **PhD student event** – The PhD student event will most likely be in September 2015. Mattias and Fredrik are looking at different alternatives for this event. And information about this will be presented later.
 - 4.7. **PhD student evaluations** – Eva Severinson contacted the PhD Council Board regarding the PhD student evaluations. The subject had been discussed at GLK and

they had discussed how the evaluations should be and if all students should have the same evaluation. Today, all students have a seminar where they present the progress within their project. Thus is followed by an oral discussion with the student, the supervisor and additional seniors. Before the discussion, the student should fill in an evaluation form that serves as a foundation for the discussion. This is the same for all profile areas, however, the form and the content of the discussions differ and the Council Board thinks that the quality might differ in the different areas. One additional problem is that all supervisors do not know the specific directives decided within the profile areas.

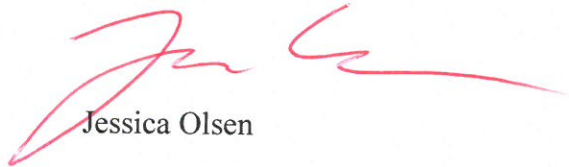
The PhD students agreed that the quality of the evaluations should be the same for all students despite profile area and that we should work out an evaluation form that could be used for all students. A working group consisting of Amanda Bengtsson (Integrative biology/Former physiology department), Stephanie Bauer (Integrative biology/Former developmental biology department), Sara Sigurlasdottir (Infection and Immunobiology) and Mikaela Behm (Molecular Cell Biology) was formed. Their goal is to merge the 4 different ways to evaluate and form one common approach. The importance with these evaluations is that they evaluate the student so that both the student and the supervisor acquire a clear overview over the development and progresses within the project. By having one common evaluation, it will make it easier to work out the best evaluation form. The evaluation proposal will first be given to the group leaders at GLK and then presented for the departmental board.

Meeting certifier:



Amanda Bengtsson

At the protocol:



Jessica Olsen