

Department of Molecular Biosciences,
The Wenner-Gren Institute

Agenda for PhD Council Meeting

Thursday, Nov 29, 11:15-12:45, E306

Present PhD students/council members: Jutta Diessl, Carlotta Peselj, Fredrik Hurtig, Fitz Silao, Yuan Guo, Pamela Alkuwudike, Alexis Dziedziech, Taraneh Shirazi, Ana Pinheiro, Roshan Vaid, Mattias Engelbrecht, Andreas Ring, Sergi Tosal, Malin überschaer, Ioanna Myronidi, Einar Olafsson, Melika Hajkazemian, Vaishnovi Sekar

1. Election of meeting Chair

1.1. Jutta was elected meeting chair

2. Election of meeting Clerk

2.1. Alexis was elected meeting clerk

3. Election of meeting certifier

3.1. Carlotta was elected meeting certifier

4. Approval of Agenda

4.1. The agenda was approved

5. Election of PhD Council Board 2019 and PhD Student Representatives

5.1. PhD Council Board Chairman

- Alexis was elected

5.2. PhD Council Board Vice Chairman

- Yuan was elected

5.3. PhD Council Board Secretary

- Taraneh was elected

5.4. PhD Council Board Treasurer

- Alexis was elected treasurer

5.5. PhD Council Board member (3 ordinary)

- Marcel, Carlotta and Anna were elected

5.6. MBW Department Board (1) representative, 3 ordinary + 3 alternates

- Alexis, Einar and Jutta were elected for reps
- Carlotta, Taraneh and Roshan were elected for alternatives, respectively

5.7. MBW PhD Student equality officer

- Albin has been elected

5.8. MBW PhD Student security officer

- Postponed

5.9. MBW Grundutbildungsgruppen PhD Student representative

- Malin and Franziska are elected, one is an alternate

5.10. BioResearch School Board representative

- Roshan is elected

5.11. Undergraduate studies representative (goes to Zoology this year, next year MBW)

- Next year, we decided to share this position on a three year rotation

5.11..1. May have more influence than Grundutbildungsgruppen

5.11..2. Zoology is holding this position this year

5.12. Science Faculty Council (NFR) representative

- Yuan is elected

6. Reports and Discussion

6.1. MOSS Organization

- Melika will help take over MOSS organization with Albin

6.2. Nobel Invitation

- Decemeber 8th, James Allison will give a talk. One hour discussion with Allison for PhD students.
- Please sign up for the discussion! Talk is open. DBB has chemistry nobel prize coming, you need to sign up for that. (Bacteriopahges)

6.3. MBWs environmental action plan 2019

- PhD students are most affected by environmental action plan and we have to submit suggestions to the board.

6.3..1. Beatriz is very responsive in terms of optimization

6.3..2. Students should try to organize environmentally friendly options

6.4. Organization of PhD Event Spring 2019

- Open science will be best topic for PhD day. KI and SU have previously had resources on the topic. We are interested in creating a workshop so that it is more hands on...
- We are looking for suggestions for lecturers

- Astrid Söderbergh Widding, headmaster is a proponent for open science
- Help for organization the recreational event? No volunteers.

6.5. Career Skills Course

- Career skills for scientists 2018—allows 1-2 month internship for PhD students with many more benefits and course components than 'After the PhD' offered through Bioresearch school
- The skills course also provides networking with very many large companies
- Bioresearch school has said that it is a good idea and that we should get in touch with career services to organize something for MBW, DEEP, and Zoology
- At KI, the university pays for the internship and the companies just accept the intern

6.6. Information Management Course

- SU librarians recommended to look up how to do searches online
- Book a librarian on systematic searches, ie. Pubmed
- They recommended KI for booking a consult
- Would perhaps be a 1-2 hour workshop

6.6..1. How to mine the literature

6.6..2. Systematic reviews

6.7. Invitation of MASS/Frontiers speakers

- We have the list of dates available now for MASS and Frontiers and Carlotta is currently emailing the people we nominated

6.8. Interdepartmental PhD seminar series

- Underway, invitations will be sent out soon

6.9. PhD student health workshop

- Emma previously reported on survey in which they identified places 7 areas that made students stressed
- QuickSearch, the survey company, would now like to have a workshop with the PhD students to discuss the points of stress and to find a focus to address
- 3 hour workshop is now booked for the end of January
- Students are worried that workshop will be too much of a lecture instead of practical approaches on how to solve the problems with the PIs and the department together

- Suggestion: make a student survey about how 'on track' the students are and show to the IS board that X amount of PhD students are behind schedule and there should be more support and emphasis on helping students stay on track
- We had a survey about employer status at MBW this year which included questions about PhD student satisfaction with their supervisors. This information would also be useful to identify the problem areas. Administration should have it?

7. Additional Questions

- 7.1. Visualize your science will be offered again through the bioresearch school and they plan to have it for the next 5 years
- 7.2. Bioresearch school is also trying to organize a course for grant writing but it has been a bit slow to develop
- 7.3. Uli wrote an email to change the IS board stipulation that alternates are not person specific
- 7.4. There are some very important positions for the students to represent at the faculty level

8. Meeting Closure

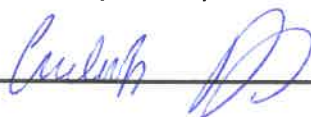
Meeting closure at 12:44

At the pen



Alexis Dziedziech

Protocol adjusted by



Carlotta Peselj