

Monday meeting held by Magnus Mörth 18 January 2021

- **Corona situation**

What applies is 8 people/room and not 1 person per 10 m² that applies to shops in the trade. It is still important that those who can be at home should be at home. We can only hope that the vaccination will start on a large scale soon, as there is worrying information that has emerged recently about immunity if you have had corona and the spread of infection. It only seems to be vaccination that can provide the immunity required to stop this. We have to persevere.

Just to clarify: no campus exams are allowed at SU due to Covid-restrictions – not even for single students. The only exception is practical moments that cannot be examined by distance.

If you won't make a home-exam (i.e. all course material allowed, which is the method encouraged by CeUL), you can make an online written exam where the students takes a regular written exam (with only allowed material) while being monitored via the webcam (e.g. Zoom). Personell for monitoring exams can be booked via Elisabeth Däcker, as usual.

- There will be a talk by Gunilla Karlsson Hedestam: Immune response to virus and antibody diversity, February 10, 18.00 on Zoom.
Registration needed, www.kva.se/sv/kalendarium/webbforelasning-immunsvar-mot-virus-och-antikroppars-mangfald
- See KVA for other interesting talks during the spring, www.kva.se/sv/kalendarium
- **Multi-year focus for research** – this is how the research bill affects SU, presentation by or vice chancellor and others, in Swedish. www.su.se/medarbetare/anstald/medarbetartraffar/flerarigt-fokus-for-forskningen-sa-paverkar-forskningspropositionen-su-1.524319
- **Eve** will retire early in the near future. She will thus no longer be employed at IGV after that date. Eve has chosen to move back to the USA and we all hope that this will be a new start for her and give her the opportunity to look forward. I would like to thank Eve for what she has done during the years at IGV and I wish her the very best of luck.
- **The position for SIL** had the last application date on 8 January. To that date, 11 applied for the

position, some of which look good. We will interview a number of the applicants shortly.

- **CIVIS** now includes the University of Glasgow. Research-driven collaborations work quite simply, is the experience, while exchanging students requires greater efforts from the higher education institutions.
- **There will be a teachers' collegium** on 19 February regarding the future of our own G3 education and how courses and our educations will be in the future. There are many things to discuss and a number of different suggestions will be given on how we can make our courses and educations better at that meeting. Intensive work is now underway in each subject area to meet the task of getting our courses and education better.
- Regarding overachievement and underachievement in our teaching, there was a calculation in the week that went from the faculty. Our underachievement in regular courses was compensated by the fact that we were partially paid for our overachievement in other courses in lifelong learning. Net, there was an addition of 4.6 million for 2020. We will return with a report in February on how it affects the economy and there will be a full report at the board meeting on March 9 with financial statements for 2020 and budget for 2021.
- Using the Box service within SU to store confidential information is not legal. Sensitive information should never be stored in the online cloud service Box. Box is an external storage provider that is not approved for storing sensitive information. Umeå University recently had to pay a fine of SEK 550,000 for storing sensitive information in Box. If you need to store sensitive and/or confidential information you should do so in your home directory on the University's own servers. It is important to contact IT Services before using any new cloud service, so that necessary security measures can be verified before use.
- **Wei-Li's new PhD student**, Tzu-Hao Huang, will begin this week. We welcome Tzu-Hao to IGV. As it looks right now, he will be sitting in room R332.
- **Two postdoc recruitments** are currently underway for projects that Martin Jakobsson and Matt O'Regan have received. Both positions are expected to be filled shortly. Both projects have attracted good applicants.
- **Workshops – status report**
There is an implementation group for having the central workshop at physics. The technicians have gone through the machine park at Centralverkstad and created a preliminary list of which machines could be moved to other workshops at IGV, MMK and MISU.
The steering group discussed the drafts on “Ordering orders...” It is important that information about the workshops is published regularly, perhaps with information about other core facilities at the faculty, as well as how information about statistical help is published on a regular basis. For example, it could be taken up by the dean at prefect meetings, in Fakultetsnytt etc. It is important that people are reminded of what is available.
One issue raised by the steering group was priorities – Who prioritizes what should go first in the

queue? The steering group will continue to discuss how best to handle priorities between SU and KTH when it comes to workshop service.

- We have just sent out information about performance conversations – salary talks. The salary revision will be completed on March 9 with a first bid, the message we have received is that the salary increase will be 5.4% in three years, how much it will be for each year is unclear right now.

- **Environmental policy**

According to the university's new Policy for meetings and travel (2020-11-26), travel must as far as possible be replaced by digital meeting forms. (At IGV, there are several Logitech Connect with a combined webcam/microphone/speaker for online meetings with eg Zoom. One is dedicated to Baltica and one to R220. Two are available for lending and are reserved via boka.geo.su.se). When a trip is justified, the means of transport that generates the lowest greenhouse gas emissions must be given priority. Employees and students should, as far as possible, avoid booking flights that include stopovers. If there are no special reasons, means of transport other than air, such as trains and boats, must be used for journeys shorter than 700 kilometers. In connection with local travel in Sweden, and also abroad, public transport must be used in the first place, taxis (by green car) or other ground traffic with lower carbon dioxide emissions in the second place.