

Monday meeting

14 February 2022

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- All restrictions are now taken away and we should have a gradual return to work. I believe that how we work is changed forever, zoom meetings will sometimes be chosen instead of traveling and working from home is also something that works very well.
The period for being back to work should be completed by 1st of April. I think that most of us will continue to work from home and this is also an alternative for TA after agreement. The decision from the head of university is.
 - o A gradual return to work from 15/2 which should be completed by 1/4.
 - o Dissertations/licentiate examination can continue to be digital
 - o If you have symptoms, you should be at home.
 - o Unvaccinated people should keep their distance and avoid congestion, the responsibility is on the individual.
 - o If someone has been at work and within 48 hours gets covid we have to report this Swedish Work Environment Authority (Arbetsmiljöverket).
- Barbara Wohlfarth, Professor of Quaternary Geology at IGV, has been elected as a member of Ämnesrådet in the Swedish Research Council (VR) for the period 2022–2024. Barbara has also been re-hired at 10% to handle this assignment.
- Last week there was an information meeting from our faculty.
Stockholm University is part of a large project named WISE. The funding from the Wallenberg foundation is huge, 2.7 billion. The objective is to do basic research on materials at a high scientific level. The research focus will be in several areas.
 - o Energy
 - o Circular systems
 - o Mitigation
 - o New materials
- VR will do an assessment of the profile areas by June 2022. The government's goal is to allocate funds from 1 January 2024. Evaluation and assessment of the profile areas for the Universities will be advising and decisions on allocation of funds will be made by the government. I think that this construction sound horrible as politicians will now decide which University will get a certain profile area.

- Economy in balance at SU. The goal for the science faculty was to be in balance, and now it is in balance, surplus of +79 million in 2021, budget forecast was a deficit of -64 million. Saved capital within the science faculty is 272 million and there is approximately 600 million unused within projects.
- There is a CPG (Centre for Paleogenetics, <https://palaeogenetics.com>) board meeting this week on Friday. Since our department has interest and that some people work at CPG we have been invited to be on the board. We have not been at those meetings before and this will be completely new for us so I will report back later what can be of interest for IGV.
- Bolin centre board meeting last week where the future direction of the Bolin centre is discussed. The new leadership has the goal to talk to SAG and all head of departments before suggesting a direction.
- Thanks to Sophie and Ines for taking care of the Instagram account and all the news that goes out through this channel.
- Next Monday meeting is February 21. After that date there will be winter break and the next Monday meeting is then March 14.