

Minutes

Date: 2011-08-23

Time: 17:00-19:00

Location: Department of Chemical Engineering

Attending board members: Fredrik Ejserholm, Karin Westerberg, Maisam Abbasi, Sofia Fahlvik Svensson, Belinda Adler

Other present: Mikael Novén, TLTH

Absent board members: Farzad Foroughi

Protocol number: 2011:4

§	Topic
§1	The chairman opens the meeting Meeting opened
§2	Was the meeting correctly called The meeting was deemed correctly called
§3	Election of one person to co-sign the minutes Fredrik Ejserholm was elected to co-sign the minutes
§4	Approval of the agenda The agenda was approved with the addition of points 6e-g.
§5	Last meeting protocol The protocol was approved.
§6	Report/Info from the committees/members of the board <i>a. SR-Dokt (Educational) - Sofia</i> There has been no meeting of the student council since the last board meeting. One foreign doctoral student has run into trouble since students from outside Europe are now required to pay for courses at university. The student has taken courses at the masters' level which have been approved by the supervisor and been billed for them. This is to be treated by the research board on Thursday. TLTH has offered the student council to appear on the webpage of the student union.

b. Status: Translation of documents – Karin

Not started yet.

c. Party/Social group

i. Football tournament

The student union has decided to fund the tournament with up to 6 500 SEK. At this point there are 51 registered players which make 7-8 teams. TLTH has been offered to join with a team in order to make it 8 teams. 28 people have signed up for the dinner. We will not need to rent the whole stadium anymore, which makes the event cost less.

ii. Crux – Dan

Dan Johansson has made an arrangement with the climbing association Crux to rent the climbing wall at Kårhuset. It will cost 400 SEK for the first hour and 200/hour after that. We decided to accept this and ask Dan to set a date as soon as possible; preferably we will have a date to announce at the football tournament. It was discussed if we should serve coffee or something during the climbing as most people will be waiting to climb.

iii. Other?

Nothing to report.

d. LTH Research Day

Maisam, Fredrik and Belinda have had a meeting with Ulla Holst, prorector, who was very positive to the idea. The plan now is to go through the research portals. It was discussed that this is something we will not be able to do before next year, in which case it should be included in the activity plan for 2012 and the next board. It was also discussed that we should start with one portal and that the student union might be able to help as well.

e. TLTH – Mikael

Mikael Novén introduced himself as the new contact person at TLTH for the doctoral section. Some structural issues for LTH were brought up:

EQ11 – the evaluation report mentions research as an “area of improvement” for the faculty. There could be an opportunity to make suggestions here.

New rules of procedure for LU – a suggestion has been submitted for comment. According to this there will be a central education council for the university as a whole. The research education would be part of the jurisdiction of this council instead of as now being treated as a part of the research activity.

Direction of LTH – The suggestion for the new direction of LTH is that Anders Axelsson is reelected as dean and Annika Mårtensson as prorector. The dean selects vice deans and the suggestion is that Ulla Holst will be vice dean with responsibility for research education and infrastructure.

f. Webpage and contact with members

Sofia suggested that we should have email-addresses for the positions in the board that will be changed over when the board changes and that these can be arranged via TLTH. For example: *srdokt@dokt.tlth.se*

Belinda will contact Katarina Köhler about getting an updated email-list for the doctoral students.

Fredrik wants to do a complete makeover of the webpage and make it all in English and open to edit by anyone in the board. The board agreed to this.

g. PLUME – Karin

The mentorship programme is going well. A midterm evaluation has been made which was mostly positive and the third meeting is planned. A meeting with Region Skåne about funding is also planned.

h. Courses in research education

A database for doctoral courses is underway. It is said that it will be ready during the fall.

§6 Our strategic plan

At the last meeting we discussed what the activity of the doctoral section is and should be, and identified some topics. It was discussed that this is basically what the activity plan of the section says, which is approved by the section meeting. Some information about this, “what does the section do”, should be on the webpage.

§7 The PhD Movie / Section meeting

We have gotten a proposal to screen the PhD Movie (see appendix). An idea was to have the movie screening together with the section meeting and we discussed how this might work out. The section meeting needs to be held this fall as the new board should start working February 1st. A preliminary date was set to November 17th with the meeting at 17.30 and the movie at 19.30. Mikael will check if the lecture hall in Kårhuset is free and Belinda will check Kino.

§8 Fairness and equal opportunity for PhD students at LTH

Postponed until next meeting because Farzad was absent.

§9 Next board meeting

The next meeting will be on September 21st.

§10 Other questions

We discussed having some social activity for the board members. Karin will look into some options.

§11 Short communications

The 50 years anniversary of LTH will be commemorated in September, among other things there is a party for employees and students on September 30th.

§11 Closing the meeting

The meeting was closed.

Signatures

Belinda Adler

Chairperson

Karin Westerberg

Secretary

Fredrik Ejserholm

Co-signer