

## Minutes

**Date:** 2011-10-27

**Time:** 17:00-19:00

**Location:** Department of EIT

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

**Other present:** None

**Absent board members:** None

**Protocol number:** 2011:6

§	Topic
§1	<b>The chairman opens the meeting</b> Meeting opened
§2	<b>Was the meeting correctly called</b> The meeting was deemed correctly called
§3	<b>Election of one person to co-sign the minutes</b> Maisam Abbasi was elected to co-sign the minutes
§4	<b>Approval of the agenda</b> The agenda was approved.
§5	<b>Last meeting protocol</b> Some updates: We have not heard anything new about the strategic plan, but Kerstin from the faculty board is working with Per Warfinge on it. The study council has submitted comments. The lunch for Doctoral student representatives in the department boards has been held.
§6	<b>Report/Info from the committees/members of the board</b> <i>a. SR-Dokt (Educational) - Sofia</i> Sofia has started a collaboration with the Doctoral student union (LDK) for the departments which are under both LTH and the Science faculty, i.e. Math, Physics and Chemistry. All student representatives will be elected by both unions automatically.

There will be meetings at the departments of Physics and Chemistry for the PhD students with representatives from both LDK and the Dokt-sek.

There is a discussion of introducing a “3+2” system with a bachelor’s degree after 3 years and a master after 2 more years. This would require all students to write a bachelor’s thesis after 3 years. The research boards are so far doubtful of if they want this. It has been introduced at Chalmers and KTH and the students there write their thesis in groups of 6, which is being reviewed by Höskoleverket. LTH will wait and see what the decision is on that system.

*b. Status: Translation of documents – Karin*

Belinda and Maisam have read the translation and will send their comments to Karin. It was mentioned that we would also like Doktorandhandboken translated.

*c. Treasurer update – Fredrik*

At the moment we are up about 48 000 SEK but there are still invoices coming for PLUME and the section meeting.

*d. PLUME – Karin*

So far one person, Kerstin Hoyer, has shown interest in running PLUME next year. Hopefully we will find more people who are interested.

*e. LTH Research Day – Maisam*

Maisam is still working on the plan for the Research Day, but he will be away from Lund for about 5 months next year. He still wants to continue the project when he can. It was decided that he will finish the plan and produce a clear document of the project so it can be handed over to the next board.

*f. Webpage and contact with member*

We will (finally!) get email-lists of all PhD students sorted by departments from Teresia at TLTH.

*g. Database for old files? – Fredrik*

While updating the homepage Fredrik has found a bunch of old documents from the 90:s. It was discussed what to do with them and decided that Fredrik will set up a Dropbox account for the section board where they will be stored. It was also mentioned that we should put together a testament for the next board documenting our work.

*h. Other?*

Nothing more to report.

**§7**

**Section meeting**

10 people have signed up for the meeting so far, and 70+50 people have signed up for the PhD Movies. It was decided that Karin will make a simple poster and that everyone will put it up in at least two departments. Fredrik will order food for the meeting and Belinda set up an agenda and send it out. Farzad suggested that we go out for a beer after the movie, preferably together with next year’s board.

**§8 Activity plan**

We will write the activity plan for next year together in Google Docs, and all board members will send a Google account to Belinda so she can set this up.

**§9 New rules for graduate courses**

In the new rules regulating the licenciate degree it says that the opponent only needs to have a licenciate degree. Farzad pointed out the risk that other PhD students might be asked to act as opponents and it was discussed whether it was reasonable to believe this would happen. Sofia will discuss this with Anders Gustavsson who is updating the Doctoral student handbook.

If you have more than 240 ECTS as an undergrad student you can count these in to your PhD degree up to 50% of the compulsory credit amount. This should always be on the initiative of the student, and not the advisor. All courses and credits should be agreed upon and included in the study plan before they are taken.

**§10 Common graduate courses at LTH**

SOL would be happy to give courses in Swedish for foreign employees. They suggest a separate course for LTH which would be payed for by the faculty. Belinda has talked to Anders Ahlberg who will ask for more money for common graduate courses. Also a discussion about courses offered by Folkuniversitetet and LUFF.

**§11 Equal group LTH (Jämställdhetsgruppen)**

The groups for equality/equal treatment (Jämställdhetsgruppen, Likabehandlingsgruppen) would like to see representatives from the PhD students. No one in the board was interested and it was decided we will put this call on the web.

**§12 Equal treatment group TLTH (Likabehandlingsgrupp)**

See §11.

**§13 External posts**

We are still working on compiling a list of the representatives and filling vacant spots. Sofia is looking for candidates to Research board 1. There will also be a new election to TLTH Fullmäktige soon, and if there is a candidate from our section we are guaranteed a place. Karin will post this on Facebook. We have also been asked to find a representative for the election committee for the new Lärarförslagsnämnd. Karin will join this group.

**§14 Changes of Statutes and Charters***a. Dokt-sek – Karin*

Karin will check if the old changes have been accepted twice and present the suggested changes at the section meeting.

*b. TLHT – Fredrik*

We are not sure if FM have made the needed changes to their statutes twice.  
After this we will ask them to accept the changes in ours.

**§15 Introduction for new PhD students**

Sofia will represent the study council at the introduction for new PhD students in November. Farzad will join to present the section.

**§16 Next board meeting**

The next meeting will be on December 1<sup>st</sup> at Farzad's home.

**§17 Other questions**

None.

**§18 Short communications**

The nomination committee will send in their suggestion for the election of next year's board next week.

**§19 Closing the meeting**

The meeting was closed.

**Signatures**

**Belinda Adler**

Chairperson

**Karin Westerberg**

Secretary

**Maisam Abbasi**

Co-signer