

Minutes, board meeting of the PhD student section at LTH

Date: 2012-02-15

Time: 18:00-20:20

Location: Room 234 at Kårhuset

Attending board members: Ufuk Kirik, Vahid Sohrabpour, Kerstin Hoyer, Fredrik Ejserholm, Karl-Magnus Persson, Malin Jonsson, Ivaylo Vasilev

Protocol number: 2012:2

§	Topic
§1	The chairman opens the meeting Meeting opened
§2	Was the meeting correctly called The meeting was deemed correctly called
§2.5	Election of a secretary for this meeting Fredrik was elected to be the secretary for this meeting
§3	Election of one person to co-sign the minutes Karl-Magnus was elected to co-sign the minutes
§4	Setting the agenda The agenda was approved with the addition of the items §2.5 Meeting secretary, §10 e-mail list, §11 <i>Skyddsombud</i> and §12 PhD-courses.
§6	Last meeting protocol The protocol from last meeting was not finished yet.
§7	Allocation of responsibility areas for the coming year We allocated the areas of responsibility for the coming year by discussing what each area means and then what area each member of the board was interested in pursuing. Resulting distribution of responsibilities is as follows: Vice President - Vahid Sohrabpour Secretary / PLUME Coordinator - Kerstin Hoyer Treasurer - Fredrik Ejserholm

Student Council President - Karl-Magnus Persson

Student Council Vice President - Malin Jonsson

Activity Manager - Ivaylo Vasilev

§8 **Overview of the preliminary activity plan 2012-2013**

We started by looking through the activity plan that our section meeting gave us. We found a couple of areas that need some attention as well as some activities that we would like to happen next year.

1) *Skuggdoktoranderna*

- Follow it up, trace it back and document the history of the problem
 - o Check it up with other universities, look for mechanisms to avoid similar problems
- Exchange PhD students who are applied in their home countries may not be employed here - hence there might be an issue that they don't have the benefits they should.
 - o Personal number; social security issues.

2) Social activities

- Sports: multi-sport tournaments, e.g. *sektionskampen*
- -Sångarstriden: Frida Gustavsson and Malin Jonsson will investigate
- Regular events: Pub Liten, Pub Rydberg's
- Fieldtrip to somewhere e.g. Ven

3) PLUME:

- Structure: funding/budget information should be available in advance for 2013

4) Communication to the members:

- now: Finally TLTH got a list from LADOK
- newsletter: Kårnytt, International newsletter (updates from Dokt)

§9 **Nollning**

Nollegeneralen asked whether or not our section wants to attend the *Nollning*. We discussed it and we don't think that new PhD students are interested in attending *Nollning*, as it is. One problem is that PhD students start all over the year and also, there is an undeniable age difference. It might be better to have a common dinner after the introductory course that is given to all new PhD students.

§10 **e-mail list**

Finally TLTH got a list from LADOK that should be complete but we will only be given access to our members, i.e. people that are members in TLTH.

§11 **Skyddsombud**

Teresia from the student union has informed us that each section can, and should, appoint a safety officer (*skyddsombud*). This person has certain rights if there is a problem with a student's physical and/or psycho-social working environment, and the appointed is offered relevant training. We discussed that it would be too much work to give this role to the student council president, but that it could be a good way to divide the work now done by the student council president on two people. The new board and student council are encouraged to find a safety officer for the section. We delegated this to the study council.

§12 **PhD courses**

We have identified three major points of discussion with regards to PhD courses.

1. There is an apparent problem with regards to finding available PhD courses. Standardization of information regarding which courses are given and when is needed.
2. Some professors refuse to give a course in English regardless of the course information advertised.
3. It is hard to get hold of a place in courses given by *Genombrottet*. Ufuk will check with *Genombrottet* if something could be done. One good thing is that LU will rework their entire homepage, hence might give us the ability to influence how the new homepage will handle PhD courses.

§13 **Next board meeting**

March 12th, 17.00 at IKDC

§14 **Other questions**

Nothing to report

§15 **Short communications**

PLUME finally got a good email list and got 27-28 mentors and roughly 20 PHD students.

§16 **Closing the meeting**

The meeting was closed.

Signatures

Ufuk Kirik

Chairperson

Fredrik Ejserholm

Secretary

Karl-Magnus Persson

Co-signer