



DOKTORANDKÅREN  
MALMÖ

## Doctoral Student Union Malmö

### Doctoral Student Union Board Meeting

Date: 10 Mar 2015  
Time: 12.00-14.00

Attendance: Erik Karlsson, Dimitris Paraschakis, Claudia Fonseca Alfaro, Zahra Hamidi, Erliza Lopez Pedersen, Maria Rubin, Eric Snodgrass

#### **1. Formalities**

Erik Karlsson is appointed as the chair of the meeting.  
Eric Snodgrass is appointed as the secretary of the meeting.  
Zahra Hamidi is appointed as adjustment person.

#### **2. Discussion of last meeting's protocol**

Nothing to report.

#### **3. Information from the Chairman**

- 3.1 Nordea bank account is now in place.
- 3.2 Could not attend most recent central research board. Have obtained protocol from meeting and will review to see if anything to report.
- 3.3 Work on statutes will be done nearer the date of the annual DSU meeting.
- 3.4 Working with presidents of student unions on application for kårstatus. Needs to be ready by this summer.
- 3.5 Have not yet contacted SFS ("United Student Unions of Sweden") but agreed that we should become members. Cost is 5kr/member and there will be three annual meetings per year.
- 3.6 Hans Jonsson (lawyer for Malmö Högskola) has now cancelled meeting twice, so have not been able to discuss pursuing a doctoral ombudsman yet. Perhaps board can ask doktorandkollegium regarding questions Erik might ask Hans at the meeting.
- 3.7 Communications team is now on 8% working commitment rather than 7.5% because half percentages can't be done in system.

#### **4. Information from the Treasurer**

- 4.1 Currently have 13000 SEK on the DSU account.
- 4.2 Now have 78 PhDs who have paid membership for this year.
- 4.3 Action: Need information from board members regarding salaries.

#### **5. Information from the representatives at a general level**

5.1 Erliza queried whether DSU or kollegiums should be responsible for collecting master lists for PhDs at Malmö Högskola. Board felt administration should have this responsibility, but that doctoral kollegiums could help with further collection. Peter Jönsson told Erik that they are currently working on getting better statistics.

## **6. Information from the communications team**

6.1 Communications team attended BIT (bibliotek och IT-verksamhet) meeting with Sara Kjellberg. BIT are working on a model to support PhD students from beginning to end of PhD career process and expressed the need for a PhD rep on BIT råd meetings at MAH. Board recommended that Sara could attend one of our meetings and have our feedback.

6.2 Frederik Lindström said that day-to-day activities (e.g. the 5% for normal board members) of union have to come from central budget, but Erik pointed out that dean's decision on this suggests that this is not correct.

6.3 Internal evaluation for KS. *Action: Board should look into issues such as PhD funds not covering things like the extra travel costs that international research might involve.* Examples of Södertörn who pays for all external travel expenses associated with taking PhD courses because Södertörn doesn't offer its own courses or Lund, who give 30000 SEK a year for students involved with such travel intensive work. ISP could/should address such issues from the start.

6.4 Raised issue over salaries for teaching and salary negotiation. *Action: Board should find out criteria involved for such negotiations.*

6.5 PhDs can have an examiner who helps evaluate whether supervision is sufficient. We don't have the examiner system at the moment in KS but could implement this. *Action: Erik will look into how this works at LS.*

## **7 Decisions**

7.1 The board confirmed the capsulam decision to approve the Activity Plan for 2015.

## **8 Discussions**

8.1 The board looked at the responsibilities and hours spreadsheet and felt this was now in good order. *Action: It was agreed that Dimitris will now work at 8% responsibilities and Eric will change to 12%.*

8.2 The board looked at the DSU presentation for the doctoral student introduction and felt it was in good order.

8.3 Eric will represent the DSU at the upcoming visit to Malmö Högskola by the Swedish minister for research and education. MAH will be pushing the issue of being changed from a högskola to a university. This would mean added resources at the research level so the board is clearly in favour of such a move. Board feels that we should emphasize uniqueness of research at MAH, mutlidisciplinarity, internationalisation and diversity of student body and that DSU is one of only two doctoral student unions in Sweden, showing a high level of engagement at the PhD level in MAH.

## **9 Any other business**

9.1 Date for next DSU BBQ: Board provisionally booked Friday 11 September as the date for the BBQ. Should look into using the new rooftop gardens at Niagara for the BBQ. *Action: Discuss budget for the BBQ at next board meeting.*

9.2 Aleksandra Popovic (doctoral ombudsman, Lund) will be invited to come speak with DSU board and doctoral collegium members in June. Board could recommend to Kristina Lind to invite Aleksandra to future education of supervisors gatherings. Could also invite Kristina to come to this meeting with Aleksandra in end of May or June. *Action: communications team to make provisional contact with Aleksandra regarding this meeting.*

9.3 Change info on Mecenat card. *Action: Dimitris will find out how to update the information on the card.*

9.4 Mentorship programme: Maria is in contact with Jeanette and will report what is happening regarding Magnus, who may be returning and taking charge of mentorship programme again.

9.5 *Action: Dimitris to share current PhD master list on the DSU Google docs folder.*

9.6 Discussion on possible substitutions for Zahra El-Schich in HS.

Meeting adjourned.

**Next DSU board meeting scheduled for 16 April, 12.00-14.00, in room C307**

### Signatories



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Eric Snodgrass, Vice-chair



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Zahra Hamidi, Adjustment person