



DOKTORANDKÅREN  
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## Doctoral Student Union Board Meeting

Date: December 15, 2015

Time: 12.00-14.00

Attendance: Dimitris Paraschakis, Erliza Lopez Pedersen, Maria Rubin, Zahra Hamidi, Eric Snodgrass

### 1. Formalities

Eric is appointed as the chair of the meeting.  
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Dimitris is appointed as adjustment person.

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

2.1 Nothing was brought up at this meeting.

### 3. Information from the Chairman

3.1 The budget. We have received faulty information as to how many % we could have to play with this year. We have used 62%, and there was only enough for 42%(ish). This means that we have gone over budget with around 100.000: - This will not effect us at all but will, of course, mean that the new board have to adjust the %. A large scale investigation is to be launched after Christmas and the "decision" on % vs. days and so on will change, most likely the way we get money will as well.

3.2 DOMB is coming up at Thursday's Forskningsberedningen meeting. Might be a bit overshadowed with the budget issues. But Hans seemed positive towards an ombudsman at the meeting yesterday. Will have more info after Thursday.

3.3 Email Eric if want some "certIFICATE" and will prepare them so can all have them at the annual meeting.

### 4. Information from the Treasurer

4.1 Email from Mecenat. Appears that every union has its own deal with Mecenat and some form of agreement was made between Mecenat and DSU in 2012. Need to find out more about this issue: including, 1) what the original agreement was, 2) when it became free to get a Mecenat card. Maybe also contact old DSU Board as well to find out more about original agreement. This will effect our membership fees and whether we have a fee. Erik and Dimitris to contact Mecenat to find out more.

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

5.1 Question about how to share information about what DSU is working on further. Suggested maybe an email newsletter. Zahra will post an update about DOMB and language letter.

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

6.1 None.

## **7 Information from doctoral collegium coordinator**

7.1 None.

## **8 Decisions**

8.1 None.

## **9 Discussions**

- 9.1 Update on and taking forward language proposal: The letter has now been presented formally at KS faculty meeting, FUU and Högskoleledningen meetings. Meeting with Hans Lindquist was productive. Hans agreed to bring up at Ledningsgruppen. Hans was interested to look at how other universities deal with this, mentioned specifically Karolinska Institutet as an example to look at. Hans emphasized the approach of meeting halfway as potentially being useful: e.g. getting hours for studying Swedish in AKL courses while pushing English as a language for regular university meetings. Erliza to remove signatories and remove KS/TS recipient heading on letter. Erliza to send to all MAH PhDs, asking for approval to include as signatories and for receiving feedback after christmas break. Dimitris to share updated mailing list file with Erliza.
- 9.2 Update on and taking forward DOMB proposal: Email with Aleksandra Popovich's recommendations to us regarding creating a DOMB position. 1<sup>st</sup> recommendation from Aleksandra of it should not be a PhD student: Suggested could be a post-doc or someone with some legal knowledge, should definitely have Swedish language. Question in terms of recruitment: who should take care of this process? Suggested the DSU could help define the job description. 2<sup>nd</sup> recommendation from Aleksandra of that the ombudsman should represent both doctoral and undergraduate students: Suggested to get in touch with other universities that share an ombudsman across undergraduate and graduate students. Suggested to consider having DOMB representing PhD and Master's level but possibly not Bachelor's. Erik to get in touch with student union in order to explore this issue, including finding out how much work current undergraduate ombudsman handles and whether get paid for this. Aleksandra 3<sup>rd</sup> point: Having the ombudsman employment handled by the student union. Feel that this is a reasonable way to ensure independence for the position, if the student union is able to deal with it well. Suggested inviting representative from student union to next DSU Board meeting for discussion. Erik to do this. Board thought Erik's additions to DOMB proposal were very good.
- 9.3 Update on valberedningnen. The committee have only had one nomination by a person who nominated themselves. Board needs to prepare an emergency plan

for having no one applying to be part of the Board. Eric to ask committee to send a new email in January seeking nominations.

9.4 Annual meeting: Is 26 January. People to potentially invite: Someone to speak about how to get grants during PhD time (Zahra to speak with Malin about who might be able to do this; someone from library services about research tools (Maria to check with Forskarservice whether able to do this); someone on research ethics, e.g. Hans Jonsson (Eric to speak with Ronald Staade about who might be able to do this; someone on writing process, finishing on time and dealing with stress (Zahra to check on this). Presentations should be maximum 20 minutes. Zahra to do room booking and draft email which Erik and Eric should look at and then to be sent from Erik before Christmas. Agreed to do like last time and bring food.

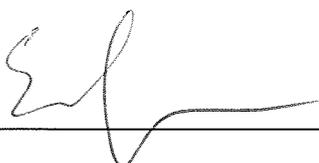
### **10 Any other business**

Forskarservice: Has to be presented at FUU and FB.

Meeting adjourned.

**Next DSU board meeting not yet scheduled. Will plan nearer the date.**

### **Signatories**



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Eric Snodgrass, Board Member



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Dimitris Paraschakis, Adjustment person