



DOKTORANDKÅREN  
MALMÖ

## Doctoral Student Union Board Meeting

Date: 16 Apr 2015

Time: 12.00-14.30

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.

Claudia Fonseca Alfaro is appointed as adjustment person.

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

Nothing to report.

### 3. Information from the Chairman

3.1 President's meetings with Vice-chancellor now every two weeks.

3.2 Erik reported that Malmö University has come out very well in a recent national evaluation for research.

3.3 Erik reported that there will be an upcoming quality measurement process put into place in Malmö University. This will be carried out by Peter Jönsson (the central research coordinator).

3.4 Erik had a meeting with Berndt Hjälms about quality assessment programme at Malmö University. We were invited to attend this by student union. Interesting because looking at how we can develop research practices (e.g. flipped classrooms, co-creation of knowledge, etc.). Planning to carry out a similar assessment programme looking into research level sometime next year. Berndt a good speaker and someone to consider for as a lecturer for an annual board meeting.

3.5 Erik has been nominated by SFS and has accepted to be a doctoral representative in the UKÄ ("Universitetskanslersämbetet", <http://www.uka.se/>) review of research education programmes at different universities. Erik will be reviewing Uppsala University's English literature programme. Maria reported the some are quite critical about the UKÄ review process, especially that external reviewers are given power to make certain decisions affecting a university.

### 4. Information from the Treasurer

4.1 There are now 87 PhDs who have paid membership for this year, which is now one member more than last year.

- 4.2 Action (Dimitris, Erik, Eric): Need to investigate whether room bookings are being charged to DSU central account.
- 4.3 Action (Dimitris & Erik): We have just received tax declaration form and need to declare taxes for DSU.
- 4.4 Treasurer has met with Handelsbanken and expenses are the same as Nordea. Query whether DSU could get student discount for its bank account and if other banks offer lower fees.

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

Nothing to report.

## 6. Information from the communications team

- 6.1 Information on moving to Niagara has all been written in Swedish. This important information should be available in English. This reflects an ongoing issue of lack of English equivalents of information on various MAH communications channels. Ex. MAH's websites in English and Swedish are not mirrors of each other. Action (Eric, Zahra, Claudia, Erik): Eric to draft a proposal together with Zahra and Claudia for giving to Erik to report to next meeting with Vice-chancellor.

## 7 Decisions

- 7.1 Agreed to create a Google doc for gathering important issues for handing over to next DSU Board. Action (Eric): Create this Google document for handover issues.
- 7.2 Board to share doktorandkollegium folder with Liv Krona.
- 7.3 Board agreed to make the Autumn BBQ an extra annual meeting for confirming decisions such as agreement to join Sveriges förenade studentkårer (SFS). Will need to get an agenda for this out to members three weeks in advance. Action (Zahra): Check if rooftop garden in Niagara can be booked for the BBQ.

## 8 Discussions

- 8.1 Doktorandkollegium (Erliza): No university wide agreement thatHandledarekollegium (HK) reps should get paid. Erik suggested they should get two days paid by faculty level. Erliza questioned whether OK to open up the doktorandkollegium folder in the DSU Dropbox – perhaps easier to administrate in Google Docs or Box. Action (Eric): Share the doktorandkollegium folder with Liv Krona and migrate Dropbox files to shared Box account. TS not currently interested in their individual kollegium.
- 8.2 Update on HS situation (Erik): Erik spoke with Mikael from SULF (worker's union) but he has not yet provided email he promised giving an update on the situation. There is now an official legal complaint between worker's union and university. Maria spoke to a professor at HS who said they have attempted to force someone to take responsibility for the affected department. Important that the DSU has some kind of regular interface with MAH deans. Action (Erik): Look into setting up some kind of regular meeting with deans. Can also contact Lotta from student union whether possible to get hold of notes from meetings with deans she attends.
- 8.3 Erik's upcoming presentation at the handledarutbildning (doctoral supervisor education): Erik would welcome comments and input from DSU board members for what to present on at this meeting. Action (all): Board members to email Erik with suggestions.

- 8.4 Anna Pexioto will give a lecture on being a PhD on 6 May. *Action (Communications team): Share this information on website.*
- 8.5 Sveriges förenade studentkårer (SFS) application: Erik has been talking to President of SFS and cost is 5kr/PhD student rather than PhD union member. SFS will need a decision by annual meeting to confirm this membership.
- 8.6 BBQ (all): 11 September will be the date for the BBQ. Need to confirm booking of rooftop garden. *Action (Communications team): Find how to book this and whether OK to grill, otherwise can just cater.* Need to ensure to get updated list of new PhDs beginning after the summer.
- 8.7 Aleksandra Popovic lecture (Claudia): Aleksandra has confirmed that willing to do this, provisional date can do it is 1 June, 13:00-16:00. Board members will be asked to read certain relevant sections of the Higher Education Ordinance in advance. *Action (Communications team): Once date is confirmed email all members with invitation. Action (all): Fill out shared google document with questions for asking Aleksandra.*
- 8.8 Change to the mecenat card introduction text (Erik & Dimitris): Erik still working on this issue. Text will updated and translated into in English (and probably also with a Swedish original). *Action (Erik): Erik to do provide this text.*
- 8.9 Questions to the Candidates for Vice-chancellor (Erik): *Action (all): Send suggestions for Erik to ask the final two candidates for the Vice-chancellor position at the hearing assemblies with the candidates. Action (Communications team): Look into sending mass e-mails to our members when there are important issues to communicate or ask. Avoid spamming (too many emails per semester).*
- 8.10 Meeting with Jeannette Persson re mentorship programme (Maria): Maria has met with Jeannette and the current mentorship programme will be closed in May. Question on whether to continue with a new mentorship programme. DSU could take responsibility of contacting PhD students re mentorship interest and alumnis could have responsibility for matching PhDs with mentors. Jeannette queried whether we could suggest what kind of experience we want mentors to have (e.g. do they need a PhD?). *Action (Maria): Need to respond to Jeannette with clear set of suggestions of how to go forward with a mentorship programme. Important issue that needs to be discussed in an upcoming meeting since there was not enough time at this meeting*
- 8.11 FUU (Maria): The FUU is looking into the issue of the quantity of the course credits can be included in a PhD examination and would like our feedback on this. The suggestion is that 5 credits or one extra cours beyond the maximum can be included in a final diploma. Another suggestion is that an unlimited amount of cretids are included regardless of the maximum, needed quantity for a doctoral degree. *Action (Erliza): Contact doktorandkollegiums regarding this issue. Action (Maria & Eric): Report with suggestions at next FUU meeting.*

## **9 Any other business**

None.

Meeting adjourned.

**Next DSU board meeting scheduled for 26 May, 12.00-15.00, in room E140**

## Signatories



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Eric Snodgrass, Vice-chair

Claudia M. Fonseca A.

Claudia Fonseca Alfaro, Adjustment person