



DOKTORANDKÅREN
MALMÖ

Doctoral Student Union Board Meeting

Date: 26 May 2015

Time: 12.00-15.00

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.
Maria Rubin is appointed as adjustment person.

2. Discussion of last meeting's protocol

2.1 Nothing to report.

3. Information from the Chairman

3.1 MAH has elected new Vice Chancellor: Kerstin Tham.
3.2 There is a new Chair for the main student union: Jenny Börjeson.
3.3 Attended UKÄ evaluation of research meeting in Stockholm.

4. Information from the Treasurer

4.1 Comments specific to application for continued status of student union (see below).
4.2 Jenny Lövdahl is the name the previous Board gave for DSU room bookings and costs.

5. Information from the representatives at a general level

5.1 Nothing to report.

6. Information from the communications team

6.1 Attended SULF meeting. Was helpful source of information, particularly for students relating to international students, such as pensions and social security. Michael Svedemar asked if there are any PhD representatives in SULF. Could be helpful for DSU to be involved with this.
6.2 Issue with Studerandekortet (a discount card for students, similar to Mecenat card). PhD students are eligible for this as well. One needs to provide a Ladok receipt, but there is an issue that they currently don't accept the researcher's version of Ladok (forskar Ladok). *Action: Erik to check with previous board regarding this issue.*

7 Information from doctoral collegium coordinator

7.1 LS had first collegium meeting.

7.2 OD having a doctoral student day on 9 September. Will discuss revisions of ISP.

7.3 KS+TS collegium discussed ISP survey. ISP survey is still in process of being discussed and will now be raised at NMOG. Survey can be used as a guideline.

8 Decisions

8.1 The DSU decided that each collegium gets 1000:-/year for fika, lunch and stuff, that we pay from our account. You could add that to the decisions.

9 Discussions

9.1 Application for continued status of student union: At next University Board Meeting the Board will vote whether to renew our status. Don't foresee any issues with this.

9.2 DSU extra annual meeting & BBQ/breakfast: *Action: We need to check the statutes to see how soon we need to send out information. Venue can be one of the group rooms at Orkanen and use catering from across the street. Better to have this as a breakfast. Action: Maria to check Orkanen regarding room booking and cost of room. Action: Erik to check with student union whether possible to use the student union building. Action: Board to consider a speaker to invite (e.g. Anna Pexioto, Berndt Hjälms, Magnus Nilsson, someone relating to career planning, someone on the language issue, someone from Lund, someone on applying for grants, Guy Baeten on Horizon 20/20).* There is now a shared doc in the DSU shared folder on Google Docs for making notes and discussing all of this.

Preliminary agenda for breakfast meeting (09.00-11.00):

- Whether to join SFS
- Issues relating to statutes
- An invited speaker

9.3 Update from Forskarutbildningsutskottet (FUU) retreat: FUU discussed having a single point of contact for all language issues. Much of the internat was focused on making a synopsis that covered the findings of the research evaluations that have now been carried out across all faculties (in the attachment for this Board meeting). The initial general recommendations of the evaluations (which are essentially same for all faculties) can be found in KS's English version: <https://www.mah.se/Forskning/Utvardering-av-forskarutbildningen-vid-Malmo-hogskola/>. Specific question regarding PhD budgets and how to deal with things like extra travel costs. Having some knowledge of how many PhDs are doing international work would be helpful in this situation. *Action: Erik to check with Peter Jonsson regarding current MAH survey that relates to this.*

9.4 "Summary of comments received on the issues of collegiality and line management [linjestyrning]": to discuss at next meeting

9.5 SULF letter regarding language in higher education: Could push for some meetings to be in English (e.g. FUU), but should prioritise key issues such as website. Erik will begin to craft a document summarizing the SULF letter and attach some specific suggestions from the DSU board. Make Swedish lecture more available and perhaps make some sort of 1/1 base for Swedish lectures, do 1

hour of Swedish and get 1 hour of administrative duty back. KS are working on this idea to institutionalize Swedish lectures within the administrative duties. The DSU suggests that KS could in this area work as sort of a "pilot faculty". Claudia and Zahra is doing a very rough estimate/study of how many people at KS are in need of either basic or intermediate level Swedish.

9.6 Career planning survey: to discuss at next meeting.

9.7 Summer School for academic writing: Language editing group chief, Damian Finnegan, is now in LS and has an idea to arrange a summer school for academic writing in English. This could be for next summer. We can invite Damian to discuss this suggestion with us at next meeting.

9.8 Nomination Committee for next DSU board: To discuss at next meeting. People who have put themselves forward for being part of nomination committee: Maria Persdotter (KS), Zdenka Prgomet (OD), Steve Dahlskog (TS). *Action: The Board should contact the nomination committee and arrange for them to attend a Board meeting with us on this issue.* Could be good to have a representative from every faculty.

9.9 Having more frequent but shorter meetings of the Board: Board agreed to have 1.5 hours every three weeks.

6 Any other business

Meeting adjourned.

Next DSU board meeting scheduled for 15 June, 13.00-14.30, in room E140

Signatories



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