

# **Doctoral Student Union Board Meeting**

Date: 15 June 2015 Time: 13.00-14.30

Attendance: Erik Karlsson, Dimitris Paraschakis, Claudia Fonseca Alfaro, Eric Snodgrass

#### 1. Formalities

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

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

2.1 Nothing to report.

#### 3. Information from the Chairman

- 3.1 Had a meeting with union representative. HS situation has now been resolved in a way this is considered suitable to most parties involved. MAH has been obligated 20 000 SEK to all staff effected (don't think this includes PhD students). MAH has agreed that a leadership seminar course will be attended and union will be involved with creating this course.
- 3.2 Meeting with Hans Lindquist and Peter Jönsson. They are positive about the KS pilot for crediting Swedish language studies as part of institutional hours.
- 3.3 Mentorship programme has been closed down temporarily. MAH will now focus on the alumni programme, and then possible rebook the mentorship programme after a year.

#### 4. Information from the Treasurer

4.1 Have been in contact with Mecenat to ask when can start ordering cards for next semester. Can do this on 20 August. *Action: Dimitris to start sending out mass emails regarding Mecenat around this time.* 

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

- 5.1 FUU is finalizing the recommendations from its evaluation of research-related activities at MAH. Several of the issues we have been discussing in the DSU have been included in the bullet point recommendations. *Action: Eric to circulate draft recommendations for any final feedback.*
- 5.2 MAH are looking into digitizing the ISP, had a presentation at this FUU meeting regarding this. If this is taken forward, will make sure doctoral feedback is included in developing any such system.

#### 6. Information from the communications team

- 6.1 Claudia will be doing fieldwork from Week 47-Week 7, Zahra will cover.
- 6.2 DSU website has had a makeover. Have been adding lots of further content and information regarding things such as student rights.

# 7 Information from doctoral collegium coordinator

7.1 Nothing to report.

#### 8 Decisions

8.1 None.

### 9 Discussions

- 9.1 Election committee: Committee members were unable to attend this meeting. *Action: Reschedule meeting for as soon as possible after summer holidays, perhaps schedule to meet on same day as extrannual meeting.*
- 9.2 Discussion of how hours are received for board members' work on doctoral student union, and how we might want to change this. Currently it is as follows:

  1) In the decision everything is calculated as days, no difference whether according to board member status. 2) The decision states that these days cannot count as departmental duties. 3) Current protocol for this has been flexible and different according to different departments' procedures. Action: A Google Doc has now been created in the shared DSU Google folder for sharing notes and getting a clear overview of the situation. All members to fill this out when have a moment.
- 9.3 Budget: Dimitris has prepared an Excel spreadsheet with initial details. Filled out several parts of the budget with existing and potential upcoming costs from this year. Action: Erik to contact Susan Lindholm and Jenny Lövdahl regarding the budget spreadsheet to get clarity on costs associated with last year.
- 9.4 Statute changes at annual meeting: To discuss via email.
- 9.5 Update on planning for DSU extra annual meeting: Question over whether to hold on 11 or 18 September. *Action: Claudia to send an email to decide on date.* Will book a room for 20 people at Orkanen for the meeting.
- 9.6 Skatteverket mail: Need to reply to Skatteverket regarding tax letter received. Will come back to this.
- 9.7 Multiple candidates for fakultetstyrelsen at LS: Erik and Maria dealing with this. Will come back to this later. Has to be sent 1 July. *Action: Erik to discuss with relevant people and deal with this.*
- 9.8 Certificate (intyg) for board members and other members: Will do this later in the week with those effected by it (Erik, Eric, Maria, Erliza).

# 10 Any other business

Meeting adjourned.

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

# Signatories

Eric Snodgrass, Vice-chair

Dimitris Paraschakis, Adjustment person