

# **Doctoral Student Union Malmö**

# **Doctoral Student Union Board Meeting**

Date: 13 Feb 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. Erliza Lopez Pedersen is appointed as adjustment person.

## 2. Discussion of last meeting's protocol

2.1 Discussion of central account and the DSU's account. Confirmed that funds in central account can be used for something else besides hours, and that this is what the remaining 40% of central account is allotted for.

### 3. Information from the Chairman

- 3.1 Erik has cancelled the DSU mobile phone account. This saves 6000kr per year.
- 3.2 The board has been invited to dinner with the Lund Medical University Research Board at Lund University on 20 March. Erik mentioned that this would be particularly good for OD colleagues. Action: Erik will send an email to board members regarding this email.
- 3.3 Erik Met with MAH Vice-Chancellor and Pro Vice-Chancellor and discussed current issues from DSU.
- 3.4 Only one of the student unions can be involved in task group for appointing new Vice-Chancellor and it has been agreed that Charlotta (Chair of Undergraduate Student Union) will do this as the representative of the largest body of individuals.
- 3.5 Erik working on presentation for doctoral days.
- 3.6 Erik working on revising statutes for issues regarding the budget. We need to have arsmote with members in order to revise statutes.
- 3.7 Erik has made an application to Nordea regarding changing bank accounts.
- 3.8 Jeanette Persson has temporarily taken over all of Magnus Lindqvist's duties, which means Jeanette is now point of contact for mentorship programme. Action: DSU should keep an eye on issues around poor running of mentorship by current

parties responsible and consider whether to take more active involvement with running it.

### 4. Position appointments

- 4.1 The board agreed that Maria will be DSU coordinator for mentorship program.
- 4.2 The board agreed to the appointment of Erliza as doctoral collegium coordinator.

#### 5. FUU update

- 5.1 At the FUU (Forskningsutbildningsutskottet) on 12 Feb, there was visit from a Malmö Högskola task group (they currently don't have a name) that is tasked with suggesting to the vice chancellor how collegiality can be strengthened at all levels at Malmö University. The project is led by Patrik Hall. One main issues that was raised in relation to this task group is the institution-faculty divide.
- 5.2 There is a perceived gap between who has responsibility for research is often unclear between the two. This has lead to potential misunderstandings in regards to taking care of PhD issues and how it is dealt with is not necessarily similar across each faculty. For example, research profile areas like NMOG or MUSA may go across faculties and yet the responsibility for these could be taken up at the institutional level. The FUU feels that it is important to find a link between the handledarekollegiet and forskningsnämnden with regards to this. Again, the mandate of the handledarekollegiet is unclear and it is also unclear where money is in relation to each issue.
- 5.3 Because we are both students and employees, also unclear where we stand in relation to linjestyrning.
- 5.4 Action: This issue should be added to agenda for next board meeting.
- 5.5 Action: Maria will find documents on the MAH webpage that relate to this and distribute with board.
- 5.6 Erliza has emailed dates of upcoming open events relating to linjestryrning.

# 6. Tasks, Titles and Percentages

- 6.1 Claudia and Zahra presented a spreadsheet that broke down positions according to responsibilities and hours required.
- 6.2 The Board agreed to redistribute percentages of hours paid by general account as follows, including the creation of two Communications officer roles:

Chair: 25% Vice-chair: 10% Treasurer: 10%

Communications 1: 7.5% Communications 2: 7.5%

6.3 Action: Vice-chair will upload Claudia and Zahra's spreadsheet to the shared Google Docs folder. All Board members whose roles are paid by the general account should draft a list of their responsibilities and approximate hours for each.

# 7. Information from the doktorandkollegium coordinator

7.1 Erliza asked Erik if the doktorandkollegium will appoint or elect the rep to the handledarkollegiet at US, and Erik and Erliza agreed that it will be the responsibility of the kollegium to do this (for now, since there wasn't time to discuss it).

# 8. Outstanding issues

- 8.1 A fire alarm interrupted the meeting, leaving several agenda items outstanding.
- 8.2 Action: These items should be added to the next agenda:

Activity Plan 2015

Application for renewed "kårstatus"

Revised statutes for the DSU.

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### **Signatories**

Erik Karlsson, Chair

Eric Snodgrass, Vice-chair

Erliza Lopez Pedersen, Adjustment person