

## <u>Doctoral Student Union Malmö</u> Protocol from meeting with DSU Faculty Representatives

Location: Kårhuset, Bassänggatan 8

Date: 29 April 2014 Time: 15:00-17:00

Present representatives: Susan Lindholm, Margareta Serder, Åsa Ståhl, Banafsheh Hajinasabrazlighi, Malin Mc Glinn, Steve Dahlskog, Peter Palm, Fredrik Ohlin, Liv Kroona, Julia Rönnbäck, Manne Gerell, Zahra El-Schich,

Absent representatives: Anna-Maria Hellborg, Evaggelia Papia, Zdenka Prgomet

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- 1. Chairman (Susan Lindholm) opens the meeting
- 2. Appointment of meeting officials: Secretary (Malin Mc Glinn) Adjustment person (Steve Dahlskog)
- 3. Information and discussion the DSU Activity Plan Susan presents an overview of the DSU Activity Plan 2014; background, overall goals and activities for 2014. Susan also informs the meeting about the agreement (Mahr 68-2013/106) which ensures that DSU members who engage actively (in for instance the Faculty Board, Board of Research etc.) will be given hours in return.
- a) Status of active DSU members Banafsheh presents the latest number of members (65), sorted after faculty affiliation. A discussion follows about how to get new members, and the relevance of getting updated lists (from Maria Dahlberg) that are in accordance with actual active doctoral students.
- b) The DSU statutes and the creation of Faculty Collegiums (Fakultetskollegier) Margareta and Malin present the new bottom-up DSU-structure in which so called Faculty Collegiums are central. Everyone agrees that the new structure is prefarable to the old one. However, the role of the Faculty Chairman is emphasized as essential for this new organisation to work.

Margareta and Malin present the ongoing revision of the DSU-statutes and the present representatives give comments. Decision is made that all members will send additional comments no later than May 5th. After that, Margareta and Malin will continue to work with the statutes and send them out via mail to all representatives. If no more comments are added, the statutes will be revised.

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Susan and Malin inform present representatives about the ongoing evaluation of MU-courses for doctoral students that are administrated and held by AKL (Centrum för akademiskt lärarskap). The evaluation is led by Christina Lindh (professor at OD), whom Susan and Malin have met with. Discussions follow. Some of the views expressed are: the relationship between the doctoral student and his/her supervisor is central in deciding relevant doctoral courses; the general study plan (ASP) should be made clear to doctoral students and relevant courses that match the ASP should be offered locally; it should be made clear to the student what the course that he or she is offered is classified as (generic, subject oriented, method, theory etc.); doctoral students shouldn't only be offered only so called reading courses; MU-courses should be spread wide and have the ambition to attract doctoral students from different backgrounds; content, not Faculty affiliation, should be the common denominator when spreading information about courses.

d) Successor for Åsa Ståhl in the DSU Board The meeting doesn't reach any decision about Åsa's replacement. Suggested people to be contacted are Mahmoud Keshavarz (K3) and Eric Snodgrass (K3).

## 4. Other questions

Decision is made to post official meeting protocols (not notes from inofficial meetings or internal communication) on the DSU website. Protocols should be sent to Susan who will administrate this.

Decision is made that representatives should meet once per semester.

5. Meeting adjourned

Steve Dahlskog (adjustment)

Malin Mc-Glinn (secretary)

Susan Lingholm (chairman)