

Meeting protocol

Doctoral Union Board, Malmö University
(DSU)

Date: 190527

Location: Niagara vån 3

Time: 09:00-11:00

Meeting

Attendance: Alicia Smedberg, Angelica Wågby, Magnus Gustafson, Michel Anderlini

Alicia is appointed as the chair of the meeting.

Angelica is appointed as the secretary of the meeting.

Alicia is appointed as adjustment person.

Information

1§ Updates

- a. New interest regarding participating in the DSU. Johan Ekstedt, as a faculty board representative, wants to go to the board meeting, but not as a board member. Need to look up in what way this can be done so he will get compensated. Roger Westin also wants to join the meetings, but will take from the days he gets from the faculty.
- b. Meeting with the vice chancellor. Alicia and Angelica met Kerstin Tham and Christian Stråhlman. We discussed the DSU and our current issues, such as courses in pedagogy, which also is brought up later in this protocol, as well as expectations between supervisors and doctoral students. We also raised the importance of equal terms for doctoral students, as the "ryggsäck" and other issues. We can see a risk with the increased autonomy at the faculties, as it may make increase the differences for the PhD Student. It is therefore important to keep this in mind.
- c. The after-work went well. About 15-16 PhDs came and several e-mailed and said they would come next time. There were interesting discussions, and many questions about the DSU. Next time the DSU will be hosts.
- d. Alicia has done all of what was said at the last meeting, except ending Yammer, she don't know how to yet.

2§ DSU main issues (will also be discussed 17th of June)

- a. Doktorandombudsperson – this has been a priority issue in earlier DSU boards. Suggestion to invite a former doktorandombudsperson from Lund to discuss the possibilities for this as Malmö University – where we aren't as many PhD Students. Alicia takes responsibilities to book this.
- b. Courses offered regarding pedagogy. We need 15 hp to be merited, but only 5 hp are offered to PhD Students. Why not more? It would make us more attractive within the academy, help in the career planning and also raise the quality of the doctoral education. A package of AKL-courses and the ethics course at the beginning of the education would be preferred. Ryggsäck – alla ska ha samma summa, och att det ökar utifrån inflation etc.
- c. Tools for introduction, communication and agreements between supervisors and doctoral students. How to get annual feedback, and to supervise the quality of the supervision? Introduction between supervisor and phd student. Also discussed around communication between supervisor and PhD student, feedback and quality ensurance mechanisms.

3§ The DSU Website

Could anyone take this on as a project? We have a budget up to 30.000 SEK regarding this. Alicia will e-mail PhD student to ask if anyone are interested in doing the work, either for money or days. They will be asked to mail an answer regarding what they think of the current website, suggested changes and a sketch of how they suggest it will look.

4§ Mecenat/members – Angelica and Michel will arrange time for this.

5§ Mailing list – Angelica will update the mailing and members lists

6§ Book keeping – some expenses have been paid, we are on more plus than we have budgeted.

7§ Working environment – Magnus will have a meeting with Mats Lyberg, in charge of questions regarding the buildings and physical environment. Magnus will raise what have been collected from the different faculties. Mostly problematic at Niagara, Orkanen and Gäddan. Magnus have also had mail contact with Lina Corter who is huvudskyddsombud.

8§ There has been meetings with the vice chancellor regarding the quality work at the faculties. Some of the questions that have been raised are PhD courses, and communizing them. There are plans in making a research portal, which will be updated. Also the course evaluations – whom are they for and what progress is possible from the information in them?

9§ The group for global engagement – there will be a action plan regarding internationalization on University level. It should be regarded as a merit, which it is not today. The group also need to communicate more outward.

10§ Next meeting – 17th of July. There will be by-elections of vice president and treasurer. We suggest Michel for vice-president.


Meetings during spring

17/6 9-11 (After Work kl 16)


Meetings during fall

13/9 13-15, 7/10 13-15, 4/11 13-15, 18/11 annual report + activity plan 13-15, 2 /12 13-15 – planning annual meeting

Signatories



Angelica Wågby, secretary



Alicia Smedberg, adjustment person