

## Meeting minutes

Doctoral Student Union Board, Malmö  
University  
(DSU)

Date: 2021-08-18

Location: Online (zoom)

Time: 15.00-17.00

### Attendance:

Elsa Andersson, Carolina Robertsson, Roel Roscam Abbing, Isobel Squire, Sergei Dytckov, Juliana Holeksa

Opening the meeting.

Elsa is appointed chair of the meeting.

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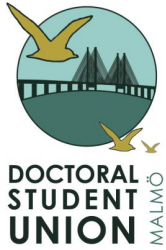
Carolina is appointed adjustment person.

## Agenda

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### 1§ Information:

- a. **SFS Introduction:** Carolina and Elsa attended an online introduction seminar with SFS.
- b. **New immigration legislation:** There have been changes to the Swedish immigration act in ways that will affect a lot of international PhD students. Sergei and Julie gave some information on the issues that can arise. The SFS-DK as well as the labour union SULF have done a previous survey on the topic and are currently gathering information, both facts and personal experiences, in order to continue discussions on the matter.
- c. **Membership and economy:** Roel gave an update on the member count. The member numbers are currently low as it is registration period. The economy is good. Roel will send out a call for registration to all PhDs. Roel announces that he will go on leave in November 2021 and we need someone to take over memberships and economy until then.
- d. **Social events.** We discuss the possibilities of soon being able to host social events. A discussion about the possibilities of offering fika/ or a light lunch was brought up. The AW with PhD student presentations (contact persons Carolina and Isobel) during the academic ceremony week will be held digitally.
- e. **Doctoral ombudsman:** Elsa has had two meetings with representatives from Linnéus Student Union, Halmstad Student Union and Kristianstad Student Union regarding a common doctoral ombudsman and the work is ongoing.
- f. **Information exchange:** Our representative in the advisory board for collaboration Adam Jonsson reached out for information exchange. We decided to invite him and the other advisory board representatives to an upcoming board meeting.
- g. **Renewal of the status as a student union:** In January we need to renew the DSU's status as a student union. Then we need to apply with an application letter and enclose our annual report and our statutes.



## 2§ Discussions

- a. **Prolongation days.** We discussed the division of prolongation days for board members and decided that rather than voting in a new member mid-period during the fall semester we will focus our efforts to try to get enough nominations for the next year.
- b. **International chapter.** Nada has accepted to take responsibility for the international chapter. She will be granted 5 prolongation days from the DSU.

## 3§ Work ahead

- a. **Positioning documents:** We decided to have an additional meeting to devote the full meeting to discussing and finishing the draft enough to present it to the PhD students.
- b. **Collaboration:** We decided to invite the local representatives to a board meeting during the fall. Elsa and Carolina will also host a meeting with the doctoral collegium chairs.

### Signatories:

*Elsa Andersson*

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**Elsa Andersson, secretary and chair**

*Carolina Robertsson*

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