



PhD Branch Board meeting-8

Date/time: 2019-04-10; 16:00-17:30

Location: MC313

Invited: *Sharmin Ahmed, Shoaib Azizi, Laxmi Misra, Erik Steinvall, Abel Souza, Michele Persiani, Mahmoud Eljammaly and Max Malmer*

Attendees: *Shoaib, Abel, Sharmin, Erik (at 16:15), Mahmoud*

Agenda:

1. Opening

2. Appoint Chair

Sharmin was appointed as chairperson and opened the meeting at 16:00.

3. Appoint secretary

Shoaib was appointed as secretary.

4. Appoint adjustor

Abel was appointed as adjustor.

5. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

6. Review last meetings' minutes (from March, 2019)

This task was delayed to the next meeting since the minutes was not ready.

7. Information regarding different issues (e.g., FUM, Art campus)

- a. **Meeting about research education (Möte om forskarutbildningsfrågor):** Erik and Sharmin would participate in the meeting about research education on 23rd April.
- b. **Eurodoc:** Sharmin was delegate from Sweden at Eurodoc conference and AGM (April, 2019 in Brusells) and would participate also coming year. The discussion emphasized on open science (plan S), academic freedom and sustainability in academia.



- c. **SFS:** The Swedish government published an investigation this February 1st on how universities shall be steered (STRUT). Probably, the third largest political educational reform. The Swedish national union of students (SFS) is invited to write a referral on it by June 2019. SFS is also expected to write a referral on upcoming governmental research proposition by October 2019. SFS encouraged that if local unions have some opinions and concerns to lift up, to write them to doktorand@sfs.se.
- d. **Sektionskampen 2019** : the event would be on 17th and 18th May. It would be good if PhD students also participate to connect to the rest of students at the university. The emails should be sent to invite PhD students to this event and to form a team.
- e. **verksamhetsplan (operational plan) in the faculty board:** The plan would be for 2020-2022 and Helena would get suggestions until October. Sharmin would put this topic in the agenda in all the coming meetings to discuss and make suggestions.

Since Max did not participated in the meeting, there was no discussion on Art campus.

8. Planning for spring semester events (e.g., AGM in May, bbq, medfak joint event-PhD pub)

In order to get more people to participate in the AGM, Erik would send email to studiedirektor in each department to put pressure on them to send the PhD student to AGM. The date for AGM was chosen to be on 22th May. Since the bylaw recommends to have AGM before 15th May, Sharmin will send email to NTK to inform them and get permission.

There would be a BBQ event and Sharmin would send an email with doodle to other board members to collectively choose a date, preferably on a Saturday.

Sharmin would send an email to promote the event "Medfak" organized by medical student union.

9. Report from PhD administrator (Erik)

According to Erik, the work include prolongation, work environment and bad supervision, housing, quality assurance system for PhD studies. The discussion continued about the role of SFS.

Erik attended doctoral ombudspersons national network this April in Karlstad.

10. Next meeting: Sharmin will send out doodle.

11. Other questions

12. End of meeting: Meeting was closed by Sharmin at 17:20.