



Minutes PhD Branch Board meeting-7

Date/time: 2019-03-21; 16:30-17:30

Location: T-surr

Attended: Sharmin Ahmed, Abel Souza, Michele Persiani, Helena Eklöf

Minutes:

1. Opening: 16:35
2. Appoint Chair
Sharmin
3. Appoint secretary
Michele
4. Appoint adjutor
Abel
5. Approval of the agenda
Approved.
6. Review last meetings' minutes
Minutes relative to previous meeting reviewed.
7. Information regarding different issues (e.g., FUM, Art campus)
 - a) **Development for doctoral students through new pilot programme:** There were only few (only 5) signed up for this programme where 36 available seats. Therefore, we again asked to send the invitation to our PhD students and we did it.
 - b) **Meeting about research education (Möte om forskarutbildningsfrågor):** Each year, the student unions / doctoral student associations are offered a meeting with the administrator for doctoral education issues at the Planning Unit from University. The meeting aims to be an information opportunity about postgraduate education, what is going on at Umeå University and discussion with you about postgraduate education issues. If we want, then Ester Roos-Engstrand will meet us for the discussion. Since we invited her on our last Spring grand meeting, we leave it for next year activities.
 - c) **Eurodoc:** Eurodoc is the European Council of Doctoral Candidates and Junior Researchers. It is an international federation of 29 national organisations of PhD candidates, and more generally of young researchers from 28 countries of the European Union and the Council of Europe. The Eurodoc 2019 conference and AGM will take place in Brussels, Belgium, on April 01-04, 2019. Sharmin will join there as Swedish delegate.



- d) **SFS:** SFS annual meeting will be held in Östersund, May 3rd-5th! If someone is interested to be a part of next board, then can write to SFS-DK or Sharmin for the nominees.
 - e) **Sektionskampen 2019:** We decided to not participate, since it is difficult to find enough PhD and all things might be in Swedish.
 - f) **Verksamhetsplan (operational plan) in the faculty board:** We discussed these points with the Helena representative at Faculty board. There has been some discussion about the hierarchical structure of the PhD unions and Education – and how NTK should influence the new operation plan. We have opportunity to give impute on next verksamhetsplan (operational plan). We decided to continue this point on next board meeting, since we have time until October.
8. Planning for spring semester events (e.g., AGM-15 May, bbq, medfak joint event-PhD pub)
We discussed the events but not reached consensus on the dates. Consensus would be reached soon later through online polls.
 9. Report from PhD administrator (Erik)
Erik was absent.
 10. 10. Next meeting: In April.
 11. End of meeting: 17:27