PhD council meeting
Department of Psychology

Annual Meeting for the PhD council the 21 March 2013

Present at the meeting
Stina Cornell Kärnekull  Tina Sundelin  Lena Låstad  Cecilia Stenfors
Jesper Alvarsson  Henrik Nordström  Sarah Thomas  Marianne Jakobsson
Anders Sand

1. Opening of meeting
The meeting is opened at 10.00, by Anders Sand.

2. Election of secretary and certifier
Stina Cornell Kärnekull is elected as secretary and Jesper Alvarsson is elected as certifier.

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
Previous protocol is approved per capsulam.

4. Approval of agenda for the current meeting
The agenda is approved.

5. Information regarding questions brought up at last meeting
   a. Comments regarding “departmental offices assignment” (workplace and work equipment funding): Pehr had informed that all Phd students have the right for desk, computer etc. However, if the Phd student is financed by project grants, an overhead (OH) of 35% is added which goes to the department/faculty. See also 6e.
   b. New financial system – 3 years, 10% extra and who funds what regarding work equipment: Pehr had informed that the financial system for directed positions is under development, and that it is not for sure that the buffer will lead to discrimination against women. If the project grants would not pay the buffer, less Phd students would be employed/accepted according to Pehr. This question was further discussed during the meeting, and the reason for Pehs view was not totally clear. Also, one question that was raised was whether the 10% buffer could run out, for example if the Phd student goes on parental leave.
   c. A question was raised during last meeting regarding 20% max teaching: Lotta had informed Anders that the limit is 20% teaching/year.
d. All Phd students were earlier informed in an email that teaching calculation and a list of teaching preferences is now online. At the moment 11 Phd students have filled in the document with teaching preferences. As presidents we will send a reminder to everyone once again.

6. Reports
   a. **Department Board:** Short reports in English from two last meetings is at Mondo.
   b. **Professors’ group:** Short report from last meeting is at Mondo.
   c. **Social Science Faculty Council:** Marianne informed that the Phd Ombudsman attended at their last meeting, regarding the question whether Phd students should have the right for a supervisor at another department than the Phd student. Although, the decision was postponed until the next meeting. Moreover, the central Phd council (CDR) will be activated again and start an informal group.
   d. **Equal Rights Committee:** Cecilia informed that she and Malin had brought up 10% buffer issue at their last meeting. It doesn’t seem to be any difference in parental leave between women and men for younger employees.
   e. **Work environment Committee:** Cecilia could not attend their last meeting, but had asked Lotta about work environment. All Phd students have right for part of room, computer, desk, shelf, drawer, and chair. Moreover, there will probably be supervising rooms, seminars.
   f. **Institute for Applied Behavioral Science (ITB): no meeting.** Lena had nothing to inform from the last meeting. She will not attend the next two meetings and Tina will go instead.

7. Report from survey regarding Phd students stand on promotion of non-graduated scholar activity (ograd) – Tina Sundelin:
   17 people had voted, 12 thought it was a good system and 5 people the system should be changed. We leave the questions with some restrictions: Pehr should stick to the plan that a larger amount of grants should be distributed (to fewer). We discussed the system, and it was suggested that there is very little time to spend the money in the fall - could it possibly be changed? Could the system be more flexible? As presidents we will ask Pehr.

8. **Mats Najström was invited to present ITB 11.15.**

   1. **What do we do?** They arrange courses for initiators outside the department. The teacher/presenter (for example we) have to be employed at the department. They plan to stream lectures at the ITB homepage.
2. **What can ITB do for you?** New experience in teaching outside department and networking. We get prolongation. We could find an organization where we want to teach (ex. lecture 45 min), and go there even if they are not paying because ITB could arrange it and give us prolongation.

3. **What can you (Phd students) do for ITB?** Give new courses. Give lectures, new knowledge.

4. **Questions:** There is mostly clinical psychology in ITB’s courses and there is currently no customers in other fields like perception, but we are more than welcome to look for other customers and contact ITB. Contact Mats or Elisabeth Borg (president) if interested.

9. **Short update work-life question:** Anders has started to contact PhD’s and several seem interested to visit us. Those who will travel to Stockholm should be compensated for the cost. For this reason, and others, the PhD student council should work on a yearly budget. Suggestions for people to contact are Johanna Bengtsson Naturvårdverket (Jesper can contact her) and Johanna Lind.

10. **Other issues**

11. **Closing of the meeting**

*Minutes are written the 22 March 2013 by.*

**Secretary**

**Certifier**

Stina Cornell Kärnekull

Jesper Alvarsson