PhD council meeting
Department of Psychology

Minutes, PhD student council meeting October 13, 2011

Present
Marianne Jakobsson    Joakim Norberg
Roberto Riva          Malena Ivarsson
Anna Lindqvist        Jesper Alvarsson
Kristina Karlsson     Marie Gustafsson

Adjungerad
Pehr Granqvist

1. The meeting opened at 11.00.

2. Secretary: Joakim Norberg, certifier: Malena Ivarsson

3. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with minor changes.

4. The agenda was approved.

5. Reports from the different groups and councils:

   Jämställdhetsgruppen – No meeting has yet been held this semester. Marie invited ideas for what to work with in the future. Besides gender issues, JÄMO now also deals with issues related to sexuality, disabilities, and ethnicity. Marie was asked to investigate the possibility of doing trend analyses on data relating to gender and outcomes such as salaries, advancement, and employment after graduation, to track developments over time.

   ITB – It has been decided that the ITB subsidy for literature (1500kr/year) is not given for literature relating to courses. The Council did not approve of this decision and Malena was asked to protest this at the next ITB meeting. Further, the course in presentation skills had too few applicants and was cancelled. This was likely due to the fact that it did not render course credits. Finally, Malena urged PhD students to contact ITB if they have any ideas for courses that they think could be marketed and that they
themselves want to teach.

SamFak – Nothing to report.

Institutionsstyrelsen – Anne Richter and Jelena Corovic have agreed to be on the valberedning. Further, there was an email earlier this week from Håkan Fisher concerning the different subdivisions of the department. The Council wants this communication to be made clearer. More specifically, what groups are behind such initiatives should be made more explicit. Joakim was asked to raise this issue in IS and Marianne in professorsgruppen. Finally, it was brought to the Council’s attention that HSV had visited the department to evaluate it. Joakim was asked to raise the issue in IS of why the Council had not been informed about this and not been given the opportunity to be involved in the process.

Professorsgruppen – Halvtidskontroll has been discussed.

Arbetsmiljögruppen – Nothing to report.

6. It was suggested that it should be no requirements of specifically 45 hp of methods courses and 45 hp of psychology courses in the PhD degree. Joakim was asked to bring this up with Pehr. The council wants PhD students to be able to mix courses as they themselves see fit. If this is not possible, a lower - rather than an upper - limit should suffice. Further, to make the distribution of money from ograduerade forskare more transparent, a fixed sum should be given to each PhD student when he or she begins the PhD studies. Joakim was asked to talk with Pehr about this as well.

7. Pehr Granqvist joined the meeting at 12.30. He informed about his idea to institute halvtidskontroll for PhD students at the department. The meeting was positive to this but it was agreed that all PhD students should be given the opportunity to speak their mind about this issue. For this reason, it was decided that Joakim and Pehr should jointly send out an email with information about this. It should then be possible to have a discussion by mail, and then at the next meeting a decision could be made concerning the Council’s stand on this. At another point, the presentation course that ITB was to hold for PhD students was discussed with Pehr, who promised to investigate the possibility of creating a course that could give course credits. Finally, 15/11 was set as date for the dinner with supervisors.

8. The meeting closed at 13.10

Secretary                      Certifier

Joakim Norberg              Malena Ivarsson