PhD council meeting
Department of Psychology

Meeting for the PhD council the 4 April 2012

1. Opening of meeting
Attending: Malena Ivarsson, Martin Arvidsson, Cecilia Stenfors, Marianne Jakobsson, Constanze Eib, Gustaf Törngren, Lena Låstad, Jesper Alvarsson, Anna Lindqvist

2. Election of secretary and certifier
Chairperson: Jesper
Secretary: Anna
Certifier: Marianne

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
The minutes were approved

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

5. Information

a. The informal network of PhD councils in SamFak
Jesper has invited all to a first meeting within the informal network of chairpersons of the PhD Councils in the faculty, on April 10th at 3-5 pm in U10. The aim of the meeting is to exchange experiences and to discuss questions related to the PhD Students and their/our working conditions. All PhD Students, not only the chairpersons, are more than welcome to attend the meeting.

b. New routines for application to postgraduate studies at the department
Anna and Jesper informed about the new routines for application to postgraduate studies. This autumn, there will be a change where only one year is going to be financed by educational grants, instead of two years. The remaining three years will be a “real” postgraduate position (that is, a real salary within the social safety net). Next academic year, the routines will probably be changed again, however the details concerning this are not specified yet.

6. Reports – focus on discussions concerning decisions

a. IS – No issues to discuss, other than # 5b and #7.
b. Professors’ group – No issues to discuss
c. SamFak – There are some vacant positions in SamFak. Please contact Lena if interested.
d. Equal Rights Committee – No meeting
e. Work environment – No meeting

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f. ITB – No issues to discuss

7. The compensation for PhD Students’ teaching
At the last IS meeting, it was decided that the basis of calculation for PhD Students’ compensation for teaching will be changed from 1200 h/year to 1700 h/year starting HT12, and that the working group on this matter (consisting of Pehr Granqvist, Elisabeth Lilljeqvist, Jesper Alvarsson and Anna Lindqvist) will continue to discuss this, and formulate a proposal to the IS meeting in May (at the latest). Some thoughts concerning this were discussed. Anna and Jesper are going to report from the working group continuously.

8. Budget proposal
Jesper and cashier Maria Öhrstedt (not attending the meeting) proposed that the PhD Council should apply for money from IS. The proposition was approved, and it was decided that Jesper and Maria will send an email to all PhD Students trying to find responsible persons for activities, e.g. BBQ and dinner for the PhD Students. When responsible persons are found, Maria will formulate a budget proposal to IS.

9. Other issues

a. Malena asked if it would be of interest to send out a short questionnaire to the PhD Students concerning their/our attitude towards different kinds of teaching. Is there a resistance to teach and, if so, why is that? May it be because of unfamiliarity, fearfulness, something else? It was decided that Malena will send out a questionnaire to the PhD Students on this matter. The aim is to prevent possible problems in teaching.

b. Jesper asked if there were any ideas concerning the notice board of the council. The board is located in the kitchen corridor at Frescati Hagväg 14, but is rarely used. It was decided that Anna and Jesper shall add information about the council, as well as about important decisions that might have a direct impact on the postgraduate studies and PhD Students.

10. Closing of the meeting
Next meeting is May 3rd at 11 am to 1 pm in room 357, Frescati Hagväg 14.

Secretary
Certifier
Anna Lindqvist
Marianne Jakobsson