PhD council meeting
Department of Psychology

Agenda for the PhD council Oct 17, 2016

Attendance: Andreas Gerhardsson, Malina Szychowska, Sebastian Cancino, Rasmus Eklund, Joel Gruneau Brulin, Ivo Todorov, Elmiri Syrjänen, Max Larsson Sundqvist, Diana Persson, Henrik Nordström, Lillian Döllinger, Andreas Jemstedt, Alexander Miloff, Nichen Gonzalez, Stina Cornell Kärnkull

1. Opening of meeting
2. Election of secretary and certifier
   Secretary: Andreas Gerhardsson
   Certifier: Sebastian Cancino
3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
   No remarks
4. Approval of agenda for the current meeting
   No remarks
5. Reports
   a. Department Board: Henrik
      - Change in administration staff: Monika Karlsson is back and a new HR-representative (Åsa Damgaard) is starting.
      - Some news about the move to Albano: A group is going to be put together to decide upon our needs. Decision is made in January 2017.
      - New software: Face reader. Contact Häkan or Lennart if you want to use it.
   b. Professors’ group: Diana
      - No meeting took place, but Alexander Rozental’s dissertation date was approved via email.
   c. Social Science Faculty Council: Lillian
      - University administration is shutting down libraries at small departments.
      - New lecturers has been employed.
   d. Central PhD Council: Sebastian
      - The language barrier was discussed. No formal decision has been taken.
      - There is an issue of professors and departments pressuring doctoral students to have their dissertation earlier than they have to. Thankfully not an issue at our department. More to come on that.
      - Sebastian was elected new president in the Central PhD Council.
e. **Work environment/Equal Rights Committee**: Nichel
   - Keep as one group or split into two was discussed.
   - Time thief survey is being analyzed.
   - After rent increase: An inventory of needs, send suggestions to Work environment committee no later than 24/10.

f. **Institute for Applied Behavioral Science**: Ivo
   - Budget talk. Suggestion was put forward to start to sell lectures or seminars instead of large time consuming courses. If anyone has an idea on a lecture or seminar we can present suggestions. Bring the idea to Ivo. ITB will sell it.
   - Use the book support, 750 SEK!

6. **Ongoing projects/issues**
   a. **Fixed fund for PhD students**
      - Suggestion is going to be modified and a new updated version is coming shortly. No changes were made according to our suggestions. Diana will bring it up at the department board meeting. 1. Re-phrase somewhat. 2. Skall -> bör, 3. Handledare <-> studierektor.

b. **Improvements to the thesis-progression template**
   - Fredrik is open to the proposed changes, but needs to be further discussed with the supervisor group. Possibly at a student-supervisor dinner.

c. **Work life seminar series**
   - Ivo will send suggestions on a date to Jelena Corovic. Sebastian has a suggestion for next semester. Diana and Henrik has gotten suggestions from Fredrik.

d. **Digitalization of the UD-bulletin board and UD-time**
   - Nothing new to report

7. **PhD-student Fall event**
   - Presenters: Sebastian, Hellen, Malina
   - Murder mystery. www.mordgatan.se
   - A doodle will go out to all.

8. **Other issues**
9. **Closing of the meeting**