Minutes for the PhD council the 20th of February, 2017

Attendance: Diana Cortes Sanchez, Lillian Döllinger, Rasmus Eklund, Andreas Gerhardsson, Nichel Gonzalez, Joel Gruneau Brulin, Alexander Miloff, Elmeri Syrjänen, Malina Szychowska, Hellen Vergoossen

1. Opening of meeting
2. Election of secretary and certifier
   - Secretary: Hellen Vergoossen
   - Certifier: Lillian Döllinger
3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
4. Approval of agenda for the current meeting
5. Reports
   a. Department Board: Diana
      i. Nothing to report.
   b. Professors' group: Lillian
      i. There are new specific postdoc positions opening. There is also an available unspecified postdoc position, for which the deadline is the 17th of March.
      ii. 3 lecturers are traveling for 2-3 weeks in August 2018 to the Seoul Cyber University in South-Korea: Per Carlbring, Lennart Högman and Claudia Bernhard-Oettel.
      iii. Anders Sand's dissertation has been chosen as the best dissertation of 2016 and is now also put forward as a possible best dissertation of 2016 university-wide.
      iv. Ivo's dissertation is taking place the 9th of March between 10-12 in Geovetenskapens hus.
v. There is currently no vice-chancellor for our faculty, which may extend up to the coming 1.5 years.

vi. Starting a department for health research is being discussed. This could potentially include the Stress Research Centre.

vii. Affiliation to our department was discussed, with the reminder to PhD students that becoming affiliated to the department is not easy.

viii. Stefan Wiens suggested “counseling time”: time spent by those that have special skills in statistical analyses on for example giving a lecture to both students and colleagues. This to allow them to get some monetary reward for their efforts.

c. **Social Science Faculty Council**: Andreas G.

i. There are some open positions in the different departments. Andreas G. can be contacted about this.
   • Samhällesvetenskapliga fakultetsnämnden (SFN): 4 substitute positions
   • Lärarförslagsnämnd I (LFN I): one substitute position
   • Lärarförslagsnämnd II (LFN II): one regular position and two substitute positions
   • Lärarförslagsnämnd III (LFN III): one substitute position
   • Centrala doktorandrådet (CDR): one substitute position
   • Jämlikhetsnätverket: one substitute position

ii. Andreas G. has also put an overview of all the nämnden and how much prolongation they give on the PhD council Dropbox

d. **Central PhD Council**: Sebastian

   Sebastian was absent

e. **Work environment/Equal Rights Committee**: Nichel

i. Improvement of facilities is in progress. Temperature in house 8 has been raised by 2 degrees. This comes with the request not to touch the thermostat of your room in house 8, but rather to contact the house’s caretakers if you want your room’s temperature changed.

ii. Issues about cold rooms in house 14 and bright sunlight in GEL were mentioned, and Nichel will bring this up in a future meeting.

iii. An e-mail will be sent out about the kitchen in house 8 and how it is being used.
iv. The sound recordings in the interview studio’s in house 14 can’t be improved, but the isolation of the rooms can be improved to improve sound quality.

v. Students have requested that teachers take their schedule into account when planning (re-)exams, because of a recent case where an exam was planned close to another exam.

vi. The doodle for the Recovery from work seminar by Jessica de Bloom will be sent out another time. Date in May-June will be chosen after sufficient sign-ups.

f. Institute for Applied Behavioral Science (ITB): Elmeri

i. If anyone is interested in giving a course on quantitative research methods, they can contact Elmeri.

ii. A higher bokbidrag for PhD students was suggested. Elmeri will bring this up in a future meeting.

iii. ITB money can now also be spent on courses.

iv. Recording studios in house 8 are currently being improved, and it is mentioned the studios in the other houses could also do with improvements.

6. Ongoing projects/issues

i. Work life seminar series:
Companies and myndigheter will be contacted for the upcoming seminars. Tobii was suggested. There is some money available for paying guests for their travel expenses or lunch.

ii. Digitalization of the UD-bulletin board and UD-time:
There is a meeting about the digitalization of UD-time this Friday at 12.00 for those who want to join. A good way of advertising research, scheduling appointments, and a functioning information flow between students, teachers, and administration is looked into.

iii. Stress management seminars:
Ivo will be invited to talk about his experiences.
7. **Next meetings**

   March 20\(^{th}\) 13.00 at GEL  
   April 19\(^{th}\) 13.00 at GEL  
   May 22\(^{nd}\) 13.00 at GEL  

8. **Other issues**

   a. A monthly game night is proposed. A doodle will be sent for the next one.  
   b. In absence of Sebastian and Andreas J., it is proposed that Rasmus and Hellen will receive their prolongation.  
   c. The change in the eligibility to enter the clinical program after receiving a PhD in psychology was brought up. This has recently been reverted, and this could still be protested against.  
   d. More clarity was requested about professor’s financial sponsorship, which would benefit the PhD students.  
   e. Hellen will take care of the fika this term. Malina will take care of fika for the next council meeting, as Hellen will be absent.  

9. **Closing of the meeting**