PhD council meeting  
Department of Psychology  

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

Attendance: Lilian Döllinger, Elmeri Syrjänen, Malina Szychowska, Alexander Miloff, Joel Gruneau Brulin, Max Larsson Sundqvist, Sebastian Cancino Montecino, Nichel Gonzalez, Andreas Gerhardsson, Henrik Nordström

1. Opening of meeting

2. Election of secretary and certifier
   
   Secretary: Joel Gruneau Brulin  
   Certifier: Lillian Döllinger

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

4. Approval of agenda for the current meeting

5. Reports
   
   a. Department Board: Diana (not present)
   b. Professors’ group: Lillian
      
      i. Application process for the new postdoc-position is over. There was 31 applications for the position, which is a very high number. No date has been set when the decision will be made on who gets the position.
      ii. Laura Federer and Pehr Granqvist have been approved of a sabbatical. Laura will be away for two semesters (ht17 and vt18) and Pehr for one (ht17).
      iii. There will be a late half-time seminar for a dissertation in the coming week, based on a monography. This way the professors want to make sure that the quality of the dissertation is high enough to be defended in summer.
      iv. The collaboration with the University of Tokyo will continue, and there will be guests coming here and offering lectures.

   c. Social Science Faculty Council: Andreas G.
i. Henrik Nordström is a new substitute at Lärarförslagsnämnden (Lillian Döllinger also has a position).

ii. There is an ongoing discussion on how to create continuity in the PhD councils, something that is a problem at many departments, however not at the psychology dep.

d. **Central PhD Council:** Sebastian

   i. The previous survey about workplace satisfaction was not satisfactory, and there will be a new one coming out. Questions specifically directed to PhD students will be included, and we have the possibility to come up with questions we want to add. See below for notes on discussion.

   ii. University board – nothing to report, nothing related to PhDs

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

   i. There will be a decision on whether the institution will move to Albano by the end of march. If there will be a move it will happen in 2020.

   ii. The possibility of access to a röstpedagog (voice educator) is discusses.

   iii. There will be a tryout for dancing for students in U31 during lunch hour.

   iv. Ladok will be updated to a completely new system, that might replace Fastreg, by week 44.

   v. The stress workshop with Jessica de Blom will take place 1st of June in GEL. Requests for topics to discuss can be sent to Nichel.

   vi. There is a suggestion that we on the next PhD meeting have a discussion on matters that would be good to focus on during the stress workshop.

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

   i. No meeting since last time

   ii. There is a question on how much money one can receive for books. It has previously been 750:–, but it is not clear how much it is for this year.

6. **Ongoing projects/issues**

   a. **Work life seminar series:**

      Malina has been in contact with a number of different options (eg. Volvo, Universum, Försvarsmakten, Trafikverket, Spotify), and is now waiting for response.

   b. **Digitalization of the UD-bulletin board and UD-time:**

      Progress is happening, and there is two options. Either develop our own system, or use the Sona system. Both Henrik Duner and Håkan Fisher have
been positive to the Sona system, and we will now send a letter to Sona to see what they can offer. There is also an idea about digitalizing the UD-time based on for example QR-code.

c. **Stress management seminars:**
   Henrik suggest that we could have meeting for discussion stress, possibly with the stress workshop as a start.

7. **Next meetings**

   April 19th 13.00 at GEL  
   May 22nd 13.00 at GEL

8. **Teaching as a PhD student**
   a. A discussion about how to get teaching as a PhD student. Topics that comes up concerns whether it should be any formalization of the progress or not - the current system is very much based on personal communication and contacts, and is maybe not fair. And also how much information that is given to new PhD-students about possibilities of teaching.

9. **Other issues**
   a. Questions to add to the survey about work satisfaction. A number of questions is mentioned, a complete list have been sent to Sebastian. Among the questions discussed are questions regarding collaboration with supervisors, acknowledgement for ones work, control over ones work and research, knowledge about expectations, courses at the university, knowledge about rights, workload.
   b. Discussion about how to calculate prolongation (there is a formula for calculating this), but there is also some confusion. Lillian will ask Marianne and see if she can give us some clarity during a coming PhD meeting.
   c. Sebastian informs that there is a lot of groups within the university that need PhD representation. To participate is both a good way to get prolongation and to get to know the university. Contact Sebastian if you are interested.

10. **Closing of the meeting**