Minutes for the PhD council May 22nd, 2017

Attendance: Diana Sanchez Cortes, Lillian Döllinger, Sebastian Cancino Montecino, Andreas Jemstedt, Andreas Gerhardsson, Elmeri Syrjänen, Max Larsson Sundqvist (suppleant for Alex), Hellen Vergoossen (suppleant for Malina)

1. Opening of meeting

2. Election of secretary and certifier
   i. Secretary: Hellen Vergoossen
   ii. Certifier: Sebastian Cancino Montecino

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

4. Approval of agenda for the current meeting

5. Reports
   a. Department Board: Diana
      i. No meeting since last time
   b. Professors’ group: Lillian
      i. No meeting since last time
   c. Social Science Faculty Council: Andreas G
      i. There have been issues with the language in which the Social Science Faculty meetings have been conducted. The official language for the SSFC is Swedish, but this makes the meetings hard to follow for the representatives who don’t speak Swedish. The PhD council expressed concern about limiting the SSFC meetings to Swedish, which Andreas G. will bring up at a future meeting.
   d. Central PhD Council: Sebastian
      i. Planning a platform to give PhD students at the whole of Stockholm University the possibility to get in touch with people working outside of academia and to hear about their experiences and trajectories. Max suggests this initiative to get in contact with the already existing alumni network.
   e. Work environment/Equal Rights Committee: Nichel
      i. Improvements to be made to the learning environment to ensure equal opportunities were discussed.
f. **Institute for Applied Behavioral Science:** Elmeri
   i. PhD students that are interested in teaching courses for ITB can book a meeting with Mats Najström. Elmeri will mail us about this.
   ii. ITB is also interested in hearing from PhD students who would like to give talks. Payment will be prolongation.
   iii. Financial support for books, online courses etc (“bokbidrag”) for 2018 is currently being discussed. There may not be any available for 2018.

6. **Ongoing projects/issues**
   a. **Work life seminar series:** Malina (not present)
      i. Trafikverket is visiting at June 8, 11:00, in the GEL conference room.
      ii. Lunch for guest will be funded.
      iii. Our request for money for lunch for the attendees has been denied.
   b. **Digitalization of the UD-bulletin board and UD-time:** Alex (not present, notes from Elmeri)
      i. Elmeri had a meeting with Monika Karlsson about the digital Sona system. Depending on the costs, the system may already be introduced this fall.
   c. **Stress management seminars**
      i. Jessica de Bloom’s workshop will take place June 1st at 13.00 in the GEL conference room.

7. **Discussion of questions for the stress workshop on June 1st, 13:00**
   i. Nichel has sent our questions to Jessica de Bloom.

8. **Discussion of questions for supervisor-PhDs meeting**
   i. Another supervisor-PhD meeting is being planned for the fall. Any ideas for topics for discussion were requested. Guidelines for co-authorship were suggested, as well as the new suggestion to add a percentage of teaching at the beginning of a PhD students employment instead of adding this retroactively as prolongation.

9. **PhD spring/summer event**
   i. The PhD spring/summer event will take place on the 7th of June. We will have a barbeque and some outdoor activities. Elmeri, Andreas G. and Diana will take care of the organization.

10. **Other issues:**
    a. New system instead of prolongation
       i. Andreas J. has been in touch with Marianne Sigmond about a new system instead of prolongation. This would involve PhD students deciding at the beginning of their employment how much they’d like to teach (up to 20%), and them being hired for their PhD period plus
teaching from the start instead of adding prolongation retroactively. The PhD Council reacts positively to this idea.

b. Healthcare compensation for PhD students
   i. Lillian has sent everyone an e-mail reminding us about the healthcare compensation available for PhD students.

11. Next meeting
   a. To be decided

12. Closing of the meeting