PhD council meeting
Department of Psychology

Minutes for the PhD council December 13, 2017

Attendance:
Diana Sanchez Cortes, Andreas Gerhardsson, Hellen Vergoossen, Nichel Gonzalez, Andreas Jemstedt, Malina Szychowska, Marta Zakrzewska, Elmeri Syrjänen, Philip Gustafsson, Alexander Miloff, Sebastian Cancino Montecino

1. Opening of meeting
2. Election of secretary and certifier
   a. Marta was elected secretary and Diana was elected certifier
3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
   a. Approved
4. Approval of agenda for the current meeting
   a. Approved
5. Reports
   a. Department Board: Andreas G
      i. New Lector in Clinical Psychology (KBT): Therese Anderbrun
      ii. The merge with Stress Institute will start with a semi merge (separate economy for 5 years). A group inc. Magnus Sverke, Håkan Fischer will be responsible for the merge from organizational psychology point of view
   b. Professors’ group: Andreas G
      i. Sara Olév will quit in January, the Department is looking for replacement. Mehnaz is going down to 75%. Department is looking for 2 regular substitutes to fill up for all ongoing sick leaves etc. in the HR/administration
      ii. Idea to have more functional addresses (hr@psychology.su.se etc.) so that mails reach more people and are answered more quickly.
      iii. Attempts to extend the PhD program to 5 years default instead of prolongation. You could declare that you want to teach and get the extra time from the beginning.
      iv. PhD event in February to talk about an existing supervision imbalance (more male than female supervisors)
      v. Founding received by Håkan, Tobias, Armita and Jonas from Clinical Department to look at fear mechanisms
vi. Siemens will provide the MR scanner for SUBIC

c. Social Science Faculty Council: Andreas G  
   i. Move to Albano: PhD students will not have their own offices, nor desks. It will an ‘active base’ kind of environment

d. Central PhD Council: Sebastian  
   i. There is a Career Center for PhDs which offers help with starting your own company, entrepreneurship etc.

e. Work environment/Equal Rights Committee: Nichel  
   i. Åsa will be back to work and replace Håkan in RALV (March 2018)  
   ii. Students are unhappy about how course coordinators change the course content

f. Institute for Applied Behavioral Science: Elmeri  
   i. Nothing to report

6. Ongoing projects/issues  
   a. Work life seminar series: Malina  
      i. We are invited for a field trip to Eriksson in Kista
   b. Digitalization of the UD-bulletin board and UD-time: Alex  
      i. The new system would have two components: 1) a market for classroom related studies rewarded with UD time. Students have to participate in a class related experiment for each class. 2) an open market, where all other studies can be advertised. Rewarded with movie tickets etc.  
      ii. The system will be piloted first, and a PhD student should participate in the pilot.

7. Other issues:  
   a. Slack  
      i. There is now a Slack channel for PhD students
   b. PhD-council election  
      i. Andreas G. accepted as the new Chairman (Diana resigned)  
      ii. Helen elected for the Work Environment position (Nichel resigned)  
      iii. Lichen elected as the new Treasurer (Andreas J resigned)  
      iv. Marta Z elected as the new representative for Social Faculty Council (Andreas G resigned)  
      v. Malina accepted to keep the Work life seminar series position  
      vi. Elmeri accepted to continue as representative for Institute for Applied Behavioral Science  
      vii. Alex accepted to keep the Digitalization of the UD-time position  
      viii. Sebastian accepted to continue as a representative for the Central
PhD council
 ix. Rasmus and Diana elected for substitutes.
 x. The vote for vice president position is postponed for a later meeting

8. Closing of the meeting