

# CPPC board meeting 2024-04-23

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## 1 Opening

The meeting was opened by Athanasios at 15:00. Esmée was made secretary.

## 2 Agenda

The current agenda was approved by the board.

## 3 Next meeting

The next CPPC board meeting will be held on May 23rd, at 09.30.

## **4 Follow up on previous CPPC meeting - Minutes**

- See sections 5 and 6 for a more specific follow-up on projects and other meetings.

## **5 Project follow-up**

### **(i) Gender equality event - Reflection**

- Yesterday's event was successful, with an engaged audience of about 30 people.
- Key points from the discussion part of the event: Procedures should be clarified such that people know what to do and what kind of support is available in case something happens. It is unfortunate that the PE3 sessions have been reduced from three to one session. Many things that came up during the discussion have already been summarised in the DS letter (c.f. 7).
- Possible follow-up events? Perhaps matters similar to those discussed at the event could also be discussed at division or department meetings, as it is not only relevant for PhD students but also for PIs. What a follow-up event might entail can be discussed at the equality meeting too.
- Martina is going to meet with Lisa Gahnertz from the communications division, who is planning to write a piece about the event.

### **(ii) ISP survey**

- The survey will be discussed with Lena at a meeting in the beginning of May.

### **(iii) Doctoral education evaluation**

- Approaching a final draft. The process has been nice, and the writing group has listened to input from PhD students.

### **(iv) Buddy system**

- It was suggested to add “how to find information about the available seminar series” to the buddy checklist.

## **6 Updates from other meetings**

### **(i) Meeting with Thomas Nilsson, head of department**

Athanasios and Björn met with Thomas last week.

- Followed up on the discussion from last year's meeting with Thomas about answering questions that were sent to the department from members of the public. There is a lower demand for this at the moment, so this has been given lower priority.
- Followed up on the discussion about alternatives to the lunchroom for post-defence gatherings, which was also discussed last year. More and more people seem to be using Nexus, which is a good solution.

- There was a discussion on how to improve inter-departmental collaborations, as divisions don't see much of each other. Thomas agreed that this is a good question and suggested one place to meet is the department day. How can we get more PhD students to attend the department day?
- Thomas approved us starting a series where people can give a talk about their career path. One suggestion is to do it in an "after work" format. Funding would be available for food and drinks. Questions for us to discuss further: How often and when to start?

## **7 Other matters**

### **(i) Department day - Activities that can attract more PhD students to participate? - Brainstorm**

- It could be clarified in the communication about the department day that it is aimed at everyone at the department, including PhD students, and stated why it is also relevant to attend as a PhD student.
- Perhaps a discussion about teaching and the distribution of teaching duties would be relevant for PhD students.

### **(ii) DS letter to the vice president of Chalmers**

- CPPC gave DS some feedback on their draft of the letter regarding gender-based violence and sexual harassment. After some clarifications, CPPC agreed to sign the letter.

### **(iii) FFF general assembly**

- FFF had their general assembly and the new board was installed. Still lack one board member, which needs to be in place before July. Pantea will keep us updated.

## **8 Closing**

The meeting was closed by Athanasios at 16:45.