

CPPC board meeting 2024-11-29

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1 Opening

The meeting was opened by Athanasios at 15:05. 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 with the new CPPC board in January 2025, so the date will be decided after the 6th of December when the General Assembly is held.

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) ISP survey

- Nothing new since last meeting. We are working on a summary of the results, that we would like to present to Lena when completed.

(ii) Pizza day

- In the future we can request a budget from FFF for these events. This does not necessarily mean that the PhD students from all FFF-departments must be invited, but the other local councils could host similar events with budget requested from FFF if they would like to. We should provide FFF with our plan for upcoming events, such that they can include it in their upcoming budget.
- We plan to begin with the organization of the second pizza day during the next CPPC board meeting.

(iii) Buddy system

- One new PhD student started since the introduction day and needs a new buddy.
- The next board should send out a survey for collecting new buddy volunteers.

(iv) Other updates

(i) New head of department

- The process has begun. Esmée has collected thoughts from PhD students on what is important to consider in the recruitment process according to us, and attended two meetings with the recruitment group.

6 Updates from other meetings

(i) Institutionsrådsmöte (advisory board meeting)

- It was discussed how to increase the visibility of the Department of Physics.
- It was discussed that informal or perceived requirements for the number of articles needed in a thesis are causing stress among PhD students, while there is no formal requirement about the quantity but rather about the quality. This might be good to clarify.
- The results from the employee survey were discussed, and the results are in general quite positive for the department. In particular, the Department of Physics is the best at Chalmers when it comes to gender balance in the responses (measured as the difference between the mean answer to a question from all female respondents and the mean answer from all male respondents).

7 Other matters

- The General Assembly will be held on the 6th of December.
- The next Doctoral Evaluation meeting will be held on the 17th of December. Björn will attend this, and stay on as PhD student representative in the final parts of this project even though he is leaving the board. The outcome of the Doctoral Evaluation process will be an action plan and the next board will keep in close contact with Björn in order to keep up to date with this matter.

8 Closing

The meeting was closed by Athanasios at 16:29.