

CPPC board meeting 2025-02-25

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1 Opening

The meeting was opened by Athanasios at 13:30. Sofia was made secretary.

2 Agenda

The current agenda was approved by the board.

3 Next meeting

The next CPPC board meeting will be held March 25 at 13:00 in the meeting room Mildred Dresselhaus.

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

- The finished ISP survey was discussed with the head of department and deputy head. The full data will be sent shortly as well.

(ii) Course survey

- Esmée will send out a course survey shortly.

(iii) Pizza day

- Due to new rules on benefits and taxation we will probably need to make changes to events where food is served to PhD students. The issue will be investigated further with the administration and FFF and discussed again at the next meeting.
- Sofia will contact Pantea to organise a meeting with FFF so that the budget can be discussed. It should be set for 2025 already.

(iv) Buddy system

- Simon has had the hand-over with Björn and the survey recruiting new buddies will be sent out shortly.
- The two PhD students who have started since last buddy assignment has been assigned buddies.
- Four new PhD students will start in the spring and a number of PhD recruitments ads are currently out.

(v) Other updates

(i) Intro day

- The intro day for new students starting in Spring have been set to April 10 and Thanos will join and present as part of CPPC.
- Tours of the facilities should be scheduled. CMAL and the cleanroom has been popular the previous years and for this year Esmée will investigate if C3SE could be added.

(ii) New head of department

- Mattias Marklund has been elected new head of department and will take the position in May.

(iii) Information for PhD students

- It was discussed that the information given at the intro day should be repeated to students so that they stay informed after the meeting. A newsletter was discussed as well as sending out the CPPC minutes and useful links by email. A concern was raised that there would be information in too many places.

6 Updates from other meetings

(i) Equality meeting

- Mirna attended the equality group and also met with the representative of Dr GENIE and potential events were discussed.
- Last year a lunch event was held at which the survey result was presented. Something similar might be nice to organise again. An external speaker could be invited.

(ii) Institutionsrådsmöte (advisory board meeting)

- Four new assistant professors have been recruited to the Physics department. One has already started and the rest will start in May.
- New positions will be offered at Chalmers. Lecture positions and a William Chalmers Professorship.
- Chalmers have pledged to invest 100 million kronor per year for 10 years to promote excellent academic research.
- Lecture seminars were given before Covid and are discussed once again.

7 Closing

The meeting was closed by Athanasios at 14:33.