

MC2 PhD council minutes - 2024/10/03

Time: 12h00

Place: C511

Present: Núria Alcalde Herraiz, Patrik Blomberg, Joey Frey, Achintya Paradkar, Ragnar, Zeidan, Nermin Trnjanin

Election of meeting officials

- Chair: Ariadna Soro Álvarez
- Secretary: Ariadna Soro Álvarez
- Adopt the minutes: Núria Alcalde Herraiz

2. **Approval of the agenda:** As we go.

3. **Meeting notice in due order:** Yes.

4. Updates from boards and committees

- The executive board (Ledningsgruppen, LG) – Zeidan
 - There will be a so called “ramavtalsupphandling” (procurement with specific terms/conditions) regarding teaching platforms at MC2.
 - * Ariadna got word that this was happening without including the list of requirements that the council crafted, so she emailed the list to Cristina Andersson (Head of Utilization at MC2), Per Rudquist (Head of Undergrad Education at MC2), and Maria Messing (Head of Department at MC2). Cristina was thankful for the list and will make sure it is considered in the procurement.
 - Regarding the problem with unplanned outages with no follow up information (mass-email) to MC2. Problem seems to be resolved, Chalmersfastigheter will let the responsible people at MC2 know so they can inform the rest of the building (like how it is done when there are planned outages).
- The department’s advisory board (Institutionsrådet) – Isak Lyngfelt
 - No update. Next meeting is in late October.
- Chalmers PhD student Guild (Doktorandsektionen, DS) – Sherry Damercheli
 - No updates.
- The association of graduate students in Physics (Föreningen för Forskarstuderande i Fysik, FFF) – Ariadna / Malte
 - Had a career seminar September 13.
 - Joint Introduction Day October 14 – registration has been sent out.

- Equality group (Jämställdhetsgruppen, Jägr) – Erik Strandberg, Sherry Damercheli
 - No update.

- Dr Genie – Achintya Paradkar
 - Emma and Achintya discussed including a representative from the postdoc network in DrGENIE meetings for collaboration and networking. This will be discussed with other DrGENIE members for their views.
 - DrGENIE Chair & Co-chair met Malin Albrektsson – DEI Officer. She seems very positive and open about the structural issues at Chalmers regarding harassment cases. She is willing to meet and work with DrGENIE, so more meetings with her will follow in the future.
 - A DrGENIE representative will present at the department level and Chalmers-wide PhD intro day. This has now already happened for MC2 in Sept intro day.
 - Progress was made in developing the DrGENIE flagship event. Maria Saline was positive, but Maria Elmquist was less so. Paul Bengtsson was contacted to conduct a workshop during this event.
 - DrGENIE got 12 harassment reports from DO and their responses from 2017. Most cases pertain to recruitment-related discrimination (e.g., rejection due to pregnancy) and will not be followed further
 - There will be a news report on how Chalmers handles cases and has bailed on their employees – it will come out in a few weeks
 - DrGENIE will propose to Chalmers to include psychosocial aspects in annual department-level risk assessments
 - DrGENIE is making a Chalmers-wide flowchart/info page for D&SH reporting
 - Achintya followed up on arranging funding for menstruation products at MC2. Maria Messing thinks it's a Chalmers-wide issue and so should be funded by GENIE, while GENIE Coordinator Maria Saline thinks it's a department-level issue. However, she will bring it to the next steering committee meeting.
 - Achintya will circulate the Menti results on harassment cases to all PhD students via email. He will also share these results with HR Sara Fagrell and suggest that they be discussed during the coming MC2 Day, preferably during the Inclusive training session. Núria will posts the Menti answers on Facebook.

5. Other issues

- School evaluation – Patrik Blomberg
 - SEE report was received – not much was said. Now all reports are being evaluated centrally.

- Meeting with new Head of Department – Ariadna
 - The meeting with Maria Messing was very fruitful, as she took the matters (recurring harassment and delay of licentiate) seriously.

- TRC – Joey, Achintya, Ariadna
 - A trend is showing in collecting TRC experiences:
 - * No matter how much a PhD student has published before the TRC, they are asked to have the last project they're working on accepted/published before defense (not just drafted or submitted to journal).
 - * In regards to the previous point, the supervisor becomes very significant, since they can override the TRC decision or strictly enforce it.
 - We will keep collecting experiences.

- New PhD students – Ariadna
 - Send welcome message, introduce yourselves as representatives. Invite to Facebook and LinkedIn groups.
 - Ask for their teaching and add to the spreadsheet.

- Replacements for council members
 - Staying in the council:
 - * Hanna Karlsson-Fernberg
 - * Sherry
 - * Joey
 - * Núria
 - * Isak
 - * Achintya
 - * Patrik
 - Needs replacement:
 - * Hanna Linn – replaced by Zeidan
 - * Nermin – will look for a replacement
 - * Erik – will look for a replacement
 - * Ragnar – replaced by Lucian (?) or someone else
 - Ariadna will send a Choodle to those staying in the council to assign the roles of chair, contact person and website admin, which she is currently holding.

- General Assembly
 - Date is set for 31st October, 12. Luftbryggan is booked.
 - Ariadna takes care of sending the email, the registration for lunch, and ordering lunch.

- Social media updates
 - No updates.

6. Actions to take by next meeting:

- **Achintya** will circulate the Menti results on harassment cases to all PhD students via email. He will also share these results with HR Sara Fagrell and suggest that they be discussed during the coming MC2 Day, preferably during the Inclusive training session.
- **Núria** will posts the Menti answers on Facebook.
- **Ragnar** will update the LindkedIN Alumni Network posting a new interview
- **Ariadna** regarding the general assembly, she takes care of sending the email, the registration for lunch, and ordering lunch.
- **All** keep collecting experiences regarding the TRC

7. Next meeting:

- General Assembly: 31st October, 12h, Luftbryggan

8. Closing of the meeting: 13h12