

MC2 PhD council Agenda - 2024/12/10

Time: 12h00

Place: C511

Present: Joey, Zeida, Lucien, Patrik, Achintya, Núria

Election of meeting officials

- Chair: Achintya
- Secretary: Núria
- Adopt the minutes: Patrik

2. **Approval of the agenda:** Yes

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

4. Updates from boards and committees

- The executive board (Ledningsgruppen, LG) – Zeidan
 - Discussion of the PhD salary, potentially have the salary before licentiate increased and reduce the increase of salary from performing the licentiate. To reduce disparity.
 - Credits transfer – 30 ECTS
Variation between examiners which can be unfair to PhD students, regarding crediting for PhD students.
Should crediting courses be a reduction of PhD length? More discussion on faculty meeting.
Can be beneficial for people to reduce their PhD time? Would the number of papers decrease?
Potential proposal to reduce the number of course credits to 30 instead of having the compulsory be 60.
The council believes it to be better to focus on examiners role for PhDs and the TRC function for now.
- The department's advisory board (Institutionsrådet) –Isak Brundin
 - No update
- Chalmers PhD student Guild (Doktorandsektionen, DS) – Sherry Damercheli, Lucian Petrisor Ion
 - Same discussion regarding the salary of PhD students as during the executive board.
 - Procedure for sexual harassment reporting online.
 - The meeting with HR Head Angela regarding harassment proposal is postponed twice and updates are awaited.
- The association of graduate students in Physics (Föreningen för Forskarstuderande i Fysik, FFF) – Malte Dornieden
 - Updates during the next meeting
- Equality group (Jämställdhetsgruppen, Jägr) – Sherry Damercheli
 - Updates during the next meeting

- Dr Genie – Achintya Paradkar
 - Menstrual products. Companies have been contacted for providing menstrual products available in the toilet's at MC2. Price quotes have been received from them, which were passed on to Maria Messing and Maria Saline.
 - Working groups. The objective is to get more Dr Genie representation in different Chalmers organisms and committees.
 - Reporting flowchart. Pick up from equality group work.
 - Newsletter coverage. No updates.

5. Other issues

- New Teams workspace for PhD council – Achintya
- Dept duties Excel sheet – Isak and Hanna
 - Updates during next meeting
- TRC – Núria, Hanna, Ragnar, Joey, TRC evaluation criteria
 - Keep updating on current PhDs
 - Create a google form to distribute through the Alumni Group.
- Social Media Updates
- Evaluation School – Patrik
 - No updates. Central review (group with external representation) of all departments scheduled to be done by January 7th.

6. Actions to take by next meeting:

7. Next meeting: 16 Jan 2025

8. Closing of the meeting