Participants: Jesper Norell (PhD Fysikum), Carmine Pasquale Cerrato (PhD Neurochemistry), Max Holmström (Msc IGV), Christiana Margarita (PhD Organisk kemi), Andra Serio (PhD Math), Johan Larsson (BÅR), Fei Peng (PhD MMK), Axel Bergenstråle (KÅR), Rebecka Töyrä (MsC IGV), Sarah Aldenstig (SUS).

Protocol – Science Faculty Council
30/5 2016 kl. 16.30 Rosa rummet

1. Opening of the meeting
Jesper Norell opened the meeting at 16.31

2. Round of presentation
Everyone gave a short presentation and their pronoun

3. Election of chairperson
Jesper Norell was elected

4. Election of secretary
Sarah Aldenstig was elected

5. Election of adjustor
Carmine Pasquale Cerrato was elected

6. Approval of agenda
Approved

7. Approval of last meetings protocol
Approved

8. Concerning NFR-representation

a) Nominated since last meeting
Sektionsberedningen Kemiska sektionen
Ordinary: Diana Khananisho
Substitute: Axel Bergenstråle

All nominated were elected.

b) Suggestions for positions
No one

9. Reports from advisory committees
   a) Faculty Board
      See 11.
b) Grundutbildningsberedningen
   Nothing to report

c) Department committees
   Nothing to report

d) Arbetsutskottet
   Report has been sent out.

e) Central PhD-council
   Report has been sent out.

f) Central Student Council
   The Central Student Council (CSR) is a new council and the first meetings have dealt with defining the focus for the council. The CSR have discussed “the student process” as a model for the university to evaluate the education. The NFR should elect a substitute in case Rebecka Töyrä, who is ordinary, cannot attend a CSR meeting.

g) Student Union
   The student governance officers have had a couple of meetings with Centrum för universitetslärarutbildning (CeUL) this semester to plan an upcoming announcement where students can apply to start projects at their departments with CeUL. This could be teacher assistant programs, for example. There will be more information about this next semester.

   Student union representatives also attended Universitetskanslersämbetets (UKÅ) “student day”. UKÅ have been given the task by the Swedish government to design a new quality system of education and UKÅ presented this new system to the student unions in Sweden in order to get feedback.

   Sarah Aldenstig reminds the NFR that this is her last meeting as a new Student governance officer for the faculty will start next semester.

h) Others
   - Bolin Centre
     Bolin Centre is changing one of their research areas. The climate summer school received very good reviews and in the future they will go to Abisko every year. The Faculty Board will decide on Wednesday if the Bolin Centre and Ekoklim will merge.

   - Forskarutbildningsberedningen (FUB)
     Report has been sent out.

   - Geovetenskapliga sektionsberedningen
     The discussions dealt with the new possible cost-neutral monthly rent and then they moved on to talking about possible consequences of HÅS
(Helårsstudende) disappearing. In the scenario the departments would only get compensation for HÅP (helårsprestation). There were concerns if they then could still offer some of the bachelor level education.

There were also discussions on the possible digital system for individual study plans (ISP) for PhD students. This has a lot of benefits but they have been looking at what other universities have and it seems it could be very expensive and complicated. They want it to be evaluated further.

10. Information from student-and PhD-councils.
Nothing to report

11. Prior to the Faculty Board meeting
The Faculty Board will discuss the proposal regarding digital ISPs on Wednesday. The chancellery wants to hear students' opinions on this. It could be a good for PhD students as it would be equal and safe. But will it be possible to monitor how many hours PhD students are teaching? This is relevant to include because it has not been equal for everyone. The new system could be a good way to follow up the ISP. In order to have something like this common for everyone, it will be expensive and could put on some constraints that were not there before. Maybe it is better to keep it the way it is now for departments to be more free. But many things on the ISP are general but flexibility is good. To summarize, digitalization is good but there are some concerns. However, many NFR members are positive to the idea of digital ISPs.

Naturvetarnas arbetsmarknadsdag will be moved from December to February. Another change is that the exhibitors will be spread out at the different departments instead of having all of them in Aula Magna. The Faculty Board will also decide on a new general “natural science” program, which will be mainly for teacher students. Other topics will include the cost-neutral monthly rent, HÅS/HÅP compensations and a possible purchase of a microscope for MMK.

12. Discussion topics

- **New instructions for faculty councils**
The instructions were uncontroversial and did not lead to any discussion.

- **Recruitment of new representatives**
It has been a problem that the NFR cannot fill all the available positions. The NFR wants to encourage more students and PhD students to become representatives. One idea is for the NFR to go to classes in the fall and inform about the possibility to be representatives, ideally not the first week but sometime before the annual meeting in December. An example of such a presentation is the PowerPoint presentation Fysikum has used to recruit.

There are a lot of things that the students do not know about the university and how it is organized. Hence, describing the structure is a good start. For instance, explaining that the science faculty is both a faculty and an area. It is also good to explain the process of representation and decisions. As well as presenting issues that are currently relevant at the department/faculty. Mentioning examples where student representatives have spoken up and
accomplished changes is also relevant. Course evaluations, fair examinations are also topics that could be interesting to discuss when recruiting.

The Fysikum presentation will be sent out in a format where other councils can edit and add slides relevant for their department. The NFR should then go through the possible presentations for the next meeting in September.

- **Bike parking project at Arrhenius laboratory**
  There is a proposal from Organic Chemistry going around regarding sheltered bike parking. The idea would be to involve more people that work in the building and make it a proper proposal to the faculty. The PhD council at Organic Chemistry supports the proposal but they do not have the official approval from the department meeting yet. Other people in the same building could spread this. The presentation will be sent out to the NFR.

13. **Dates for future NFR-meetings**
12 September 16.30-18.30, Rosa rummet
17 October 16.30-18.30, Rosa rummet
5 December 16.30-20.00, Kårsalen bakre

14. **Other questions**
No other questions.

15. **Meeting closed**
Jesper Norell closed the meeting at 18.07

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Jesper Norell
Chair

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Sarah Aldenstig
Secretary

Carmine Pasquale Cerato
Adjustor