Participants: Rebecka Töyrä (Student), Fei Peng (PhD, MMK), Johan Larsson (BÅR), Malte Posselt (PhD, ACES), Kerstin Winkens (CDR), Yuan Guo (MBW), Cristiano Margarita (Organic chemistry), Diana Khananisho (KÅR), Andrea Serio (PhD, Maths), Sebastian Östlund (SUS), Jessica Slove Davidson (BIG).

Minutes – Science Faculty Council
12/9 2016 kl. 16.30 Rosa rummet

1. Opening of the meeting
Rebecka Töyrä opened the meeting at 16:31.

2. Round of presentation
Everyone gave a short presentation of themselves.

3. Election of chairperson:
Rebecka Töyrä was elected.

4. Election of secretary:
Sebastian Östlund was elected.

5. Election of adjustor:
Yuan Guo was elected.

6. Approval of agenda
One point is added between previous points 7 and 8 on the agenda. New point 8: Information from Jessica Slove Davidson regarding the career affairs.

7. Approval of last meeting's protocol:
Last meeting’s protocol is approved.

8. Information from Jessica Slove Davidson (BIG):
The career fair is to be moved from December to February. The Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) has its career fair in the end of the term just like Stockholm University (SU) has had it previously, and so this shift of date is made in order to have employers and presenters available for both fairs. The career fair is to be held in
Kräftriket and Aula Magna. Physics will join mathematics in Kräftriket. The rest of the subjects will reside in Aula Magna.

A shift in focus or emphasis of the career fair is announced. The organisers want to encourage PhD students to turn up to the event. Jessica relays that they want help with promoting this event to this group of people. They are considering having seminars in the morning, geared specifically toward PhD students.

The feedback requested by the organisers is as follows: What sort of seminars would PhD students like to see and attend? Moreover, are there any particular employers that PhD students and, for that matter, basic level students want to see? Jessica can be contacted via e-mail at the address: jessica.slove@su.se.

9. Concerning NFR-representation
   a) Nominated since last meeting
      - None.

   b) Suggestions for positions
      - Sebastian Östlund is assigned the task of contacting all student councils at the Science Faculty regarding the positions at the Bolin Centre and Grundutbildningsberedningen in particular.

10. Reports from advisory committees
    - Faculty Board
      See 11.
    - Grundutbildningsberedningen
      - Sebastian Östlund reports that the meeting focused heavily on discussing course plans. The way of financing departments and the cost of rent also figured heavily, though little was decided upon since the material provided proved to be difficult to comprehend. A strategy was briefly mentioned, but discussion of it was postponed until a later date. The student representation in the Grundutbildningsberedning needs to be strengthened as only one of two ordinary positions has been filled. Grundutbildningsberedningen wishes to see more students involved in its proceedings.
- **Department committees:**
  - Nothing to report.

- **Arbetsutskottet:**
  Rebecka Töyrä reports that:
  - SciLife Lab wanted to use SFO ("strategiskt forskningsområde") funding for more education. They want more courses for students and PhD students. REBUS ("Rektors beredning för utbildningsutvärdering och system för kvalitetssäkring") are still continuing their work to prepare for UKÄ ("Universitetskanslersämbetet"). They are stuck in discussing what their purpose is. If the purpose of REBUS is to make sure that everybody passes, or to raise the bar and strive for excellence. They are leaning toward the first option. The group has to create self-evaluation for so many, and they do not want to make it too complicated.
  
  - KPU: People doing a PhD degree could take an additional program that is open for 50 PhD graduates. There’s a 12 month course, funded, taken from home (online). This program will start in the spring of 2017. They will admit 50 people per year for five years. The courses are not developed or finalized yet, but they will be ready in time for when people start to apply. This is not for teaching at the university level, but in primary and secondary schools. The program (or course) is in part motivated by the lack of teachers in Sweden. Some practical part is likely going to be encompassed by the program. More information should come soon, since the application process opens soon. This is, to reiterate, a special measure to get more teachers of science.
  
  - There’s been an internal evaluation of the PhD education. To ensure that all the PhD education follow the minimum requirements. 10 credits should ensure a broadened, general base of knowledge. It is also going to involve material on the ethics of science and research.
  
  - The libraries have been evaluated and the affiliate libraries are suggested for deconstruction as a consequence. The libraries will either have to be paid for by the departments, or they will not exist (physically) anymore. It
is unclear what will happen with the material of each affiliate library in case of a deconstruction. Will they be available to the same extent?

- Cooperation with Japan: SU has signed a big agreement to cooperate with Japan. It was spearheaded by Lund University. Tokyo University in particular is focused on. It is in the brainstorming phase for now.

- **Central PhD-council:**
  - The Central PhD-Council (CDR) has its first meeting in two weeks. The chair and vice chair are both stepping down from their respective positions. Kerstin Winkens nominates herself for the vice chair position (and this is arguably to be voted on during the next Science Faculty Council-meeting).

- The new printer services: The contract is running out in the beginning of October. Two PhD theses are going to be printed by another party as a trial. The quality will be evaluated in order to pick a good printing service.

- The former printing company did not fulfil their contract. Theses showed up too late, sometimes theses had blurry pages or even missing pages, etc. This constitutes a reason for wanting a change of service provider.

- **Central Student Council:**
  - No meetings as of yet. No agenda has been sent out yet either.

- **Student Union**
  - The Student Union requires that Student Councils register with the Student Union. The Student Union also wishes to relay that it is, as yet, unclear whether the old webpages for the Student Councils can be reinstated. The old data is still accessible for SUS if it is asked for, however.

- **Jämlikhetsnätverket**
  - Nothing to report.

- **Studiemiljönätverket**
  - Nothing to report.
• Others
  - Nothing to report.

11. Information from student- and PhD-councils.
  - GÄR: Suggests that the course “Vetenskaplighet” 1.5 hp should be possible to take as a distance course, since it is mandatory and may conflict with other (mandatory) assignments. Potential problems involve: Clashes with other courses, field trips, and lab-assignments, etc.

  - This course is, Töyrä states, varying in format. The Council agrees with this statement. Perhaps it changes depending on the section offering it. The question is raised if it needs to be offered in a more homogenous manner.

12. Prior to the Faculty Board meeting
Sebastian says that the next meeting will be on Wednesday where the primary topics of discussion are the affiliate libraries, the model of finance and cost of rent for departments. A strategy document for the area (of science) is also to be discussed, but no formal decisions will likely be made in regard to its acceptance or rejection.

13. Discussion topics
- Recruitment of representatives:
  This has been broached before. Jesper Norell has made a template for introducing the Faculty Council at classes/lectures. Student Councils can contact Sebastian Östlund if time allocation at some lecture is wished for.

- Requesting an investigation by CDR of access to resources for PhD students
  Are PhD Students (generally) in the know about their rights? It is suggested that this might be a problem. There is a PhD Book that deals with these sorts of difficult situations, but whether it is generally read is unclear. Perhaps being assigned ECTS for being introduced to PhD rights (and obligations) could be of help in alleviating this problem, NFR suggests.

14. Dates for future NFR-meetings
17/10-16 at 16:30-18:30, Rosa rummet
5/12-16 at 16:30-20:00, Kårsalen bakre

15. Other questions
Language courses: no new information has come forth. This should be a discussion point during the next meeting. What can be done to make the course credits become a reality (or somehow promoted).
Brief recap: Something that has been discussed in the past in the PhD council of organic chemistry. Kerstin suggests building a parking for bikes. They wish to spread the word among more departments. An official document needs to be prepared.

16. Meeting closed: 18:00

Rebecka Töyrä
Chair

Sebastian Östlund
Secretary

Yuan Guo
Adjustor