Participants: Jesper Norell (Fysikum, PhD), Johan Enqvist (SRC, PhD), Kajsa Skafe (GÄR), Cristiana Margarita (Organic chemistry, PhD), Abraham Kumsa (MND, PhD), Maxime Gestin (Neurochemistry, PhD), Maria Faticov (DEEP, PhD), Alexis Dziedziech (MBW, PhD), Sebastian Östlund (SUS).

Protocol – Science Faculty Council
29th of May 2017 at 16.30 in Rosa rummet, Studenthuset

1. **Opening of the meeting**
   Jesper Norell opened the meeting at 16:30.

2. **Round of presentation**
   Everyone introduced themselves briefly.

3. **Election of chairperson**
   Jesper Norell is elected.

4. **Election of secretary**
   Sebastian Östlund is elected.

5. **Election of adjustor**
   Johan Enqvist is elected.

6. **Approval of the agenda**
   The agenda is approved.

7. **Approval of last meeting’s minutes**
   The council approves of the minutes.
   *Rebecka Töyrä still has to sign the protocol.*

8. **Concerning NFR’s representation**
   a) Nominated since last meeting
   b) Suggestions for positions
   c) Election

   No nominations, suggestions for positions, or elected members.
9. Reports from advisory committees

- **Student Union**
  Sebastian Östlund will step down from his role as Student Governance Officer for the Faculty of Science by the end of June. A new person will take this commission of trust from the 7th of August. E-mails sent to studiebevakare.natfak@sus.su.se will be monitored by the Second Vice President Student Governance Division. The investigation launched by the university into the branch libraries and the informal study areas has not yet been seen by student representatives, despite this being a part of the directives for the investigation. This is something that needs to be followed up by the Student Union and input should be collected from the student councils and the faculty council once more information becomes available.¹

- **Central Student Council**
  Nothing to report.

- **Central PhD-Council**
  Nothing to report.

- **Faculty Board & Arbetsutskottet**
  Sebastian reports from the last Faculty Board meeting. In brief, at the Office of Science, Åsa Borin (the previous Head of the Office of Science) had many different roles at the same time. This has now been resolved. Vetenskapsrådet (VR) had recently begun receiving research proposals. They also talked about the science infrastructure briefly. A conference for the resources or energy of the future was announced by Barbara Wohlfart. The program reports that the teacher education programmes are to do have been modified, and made simpler. These reports will be the foundation for the reports to be written for all programmes, so this change will likely affect how those reports are conducted.

¹ The investigation has now been released as of writing this protocol. It can be sent out to interested parties upon request. Ask the secretary of the council via e-mail (studiebevakare.natfak@sus.su.se) if you wish to read it. Note that the document is in Swedish and there is no translated version available. A discussion regarding it can be had during the next Science Faculty Council meeting during the autumn.
• **Grundutbildningsberedningen**
  Sebastian reports that:
  - The prioritization plan has been worked on extensively by a workgroup of GB and will be presented to the Board of Science the 31st of May. It contains a principle for prioritizing, a principle for redistributing left-over resources, and a system that makes the distribution of finances less sensitive to fluctuations that are not sustained.
  - The 1.5 credit course on the scientific method has been re-worked and will be hosted by the department for biological basic education (BIG). It will likely be comprised of 4 lectures, 1 seminar and 1 exam.

• **Department & Section Committees**
  - Electronic lab notebooks are being implemented (MBW).

• **Jämlikhetsnätverket**
  Nothing to report.

• **Studiemiljönätverket**
  Nothing to report.

10. Information from student- and PhD-councils.
The investigation of the stress levels of PhD students at organic chemistry is shared with the council. The investigation points to particular problems that may need to be tackled. There is a group for working conditions, but they are reactive more than proactive. Whether or not the survey (or a sufficiently similar one) is conducted by the respective PhD council, it would be beneficial to talk about stressors. The survey is to be sent out alongside this protocol for the calling to the next Science Faculty Council meeting. It can also be obtained by e-mailing studiebevakare.natfak@sus.su.se prior to June 30 2017.²

² The new Student Governance Officer will start at August 7th. It can be obtained during the autumn from my (Sebastian Östlund’s) successor.
More general student surveys might be difficult to get started, but Studenthälsan and such will likely be a factor in the quality assurance reports to come.

11. Prior to the Faculty Board meeting
- The departments are accumulating too much money. The university will take financial means back, and returned for initiatives. This will likely not meet much resistance, the Office of Science reports.

12. Does everyone get the callings?
It appears so.

13. E-mail lists via SU or external solution?
When Mondo is replaced, it might be worthwhile to have a site for the Science Faculty Council there to maintain a current list of active members.

14. Discussion topics
- **A Course in the Natural Sciences and Gender Studies for the Faculty Seminar series held by the Gender Studies Academy.** This might work as a replacement for an actual course in this field. The council asks if there a website for this. Jesper Norell will ask the organizers and report back. The course idea was stopped in its tracks because of financial reasons, and since the seminar series is already live, it might be a good alternative.

- **Prioritizing Education at the Faculty of Science**
Sebastian reports about the work that has been done. The plan is to be discussed on the 31st of May at the Board of Science and decided upon on the 20th of June, also at the Board of Science.

- **Reorganization of Departments**
NADA transition is working smoothly, by the look of things. Neurochemistry transition is also working well.

- **Study Areas: Opinions and thoughts?**
The places are insufficient in the Geo-house. The library opens at 9 which may be too late for many students. The acoustics, moreover, are bad. The sounds echo. Screens might help, and this can be worked on through the student
council (GÄR). The lunch room at U1 is perhaps not used effectively. An area could be used for different purposes at different times.

It is further noted that while it is important to improve the poor study areas, it could also be worthwhile to look into departments that do not have any study areas at all (or too few). These are two separate issues that ought to be treated. It doesn’t just have to do with the amount of places, but where these places are.

- **Decide dates for the NFR meetings during the autumn semester**
  Mondays before the faculty board meetings. These are as follows:
  - 11th of September, 16:30 in Rosa rummet.
  - 16th of October, 16:30 in Rosa rummet.
  - 4th of December, 16:30 in Kårsalen (bakre)

**15. Other questions**
None.

**16. Meeting closed**
Meeting closed 17:50.

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Sebastian Östlund
Secretary

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Jesper Norell
Chair

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Johan Enqvist
Adjustor