Protocol – Science Faculty Council
Monday 28th of January 2019 at 16.30 in Rosa rummet, Studenthuset

1. **Opening of the meeting**
   Yuan opened the meeting.

2. **Round of presentation**
   Yuan Guo, PhD student at MBW (chair of NFR)
   Pil Maria Saugmann, PhD student in Physics (chair of CDR)
   Natalie Wilson, PhD student in Physics
   Brittany Tarbier, student in Physical Geography
   Riccardo Diamanti, PhD student at DBB
   Erik Lindsund, PhD student at MBW
   Isak Holmerin, PhD student at DEEP
   Oskar Nyberg, PhD student at DEEP
   Marcel Tarbier, PhD student at MBW
   Hanna Wernerson, student at SRC
   Michael Oschmann, PhD student in Organic Chemistry
   Patrik Tengnér, student in Physics
   Per Calissendorff, PhD student in Astronomy
   Malte Posselt, PhD student at ACES
   Elis Wibacke (Student Union)

3. **Election of chairperson**
   Yuan Guo was elected.

4. **Election of secretary**
   Elis Wibacke was elected.

5. **Election of adjustor**
   Pil Maria Saugmann was elected.

6. **Approval of the agenda**
The agenda was approved with the following changes: Roshan Vaid’s name was added to 8a) Nominated since last meeting.

7. Approval of last meeting’s minutes
The minutes from the annual meeting on the 3rd of December 2018 were approved.

8. Concerning NFR’s representation

a) Nominated since last meeting:
   - Inna Ermilova and Nicklas Österlund, Kemiska sektionens lärarförslagsnämnd
   - Brittany Tarbier, Grundutbildningsberedningen (ordinary position) and Geo- och miljövetenskapliga sektionens lärarförslagsnämnd (secondary position)
   - Elisabeth Bonnevier, Stockholms Matematikcentrum (depending on response from SMC and/or THS)
   - Roshan Vaid, Forskarutbildningsberedningen (Biology section)

b) Suggestions for positions
   As was decided on the annual meeting, Riccardo has been in contact with the PhD student councils at the Chemistry section hoping to find representatives to the vacant positions there. However, there were no further suggestions.

c) Election
   - Inna Ermilova and Nicklas Österlund were elected to Kemiska sektionens lärarförslagsnämnd.
   - Brittany Tarbier was elected to Grundutbildningsberedningen (ordinary position) and Geo- och miljövetenskapliga sektionens lärarförslagsnämnd (secondary position)
   - Roshan Vaid was elected to Forskarutbildningsberedningen.
   - There was no need for NFR to elect Elisabeth Bonnevier to Stockholms Matematikcentrum, since Erik Lindell already has SU’s spot, and Elisabeth has been accepted to KTH’s spot by THS. SUS has initiated a closer connection with THS to avoid confusion about student representation in the future.
9. Reports from advisory committees

Student Union

- All councils have to re-register for the spring term.
- The university has appointed a working group that will present a new student governance policy document (the current policy is from 2011).
- CeUL organises “Pedagogisk idétéävling” where students and PhD students can realize their projects for a better education. Deadline is the 15th of February. Elis will send an email to NFR with more information.

Central Student Council
The new CSR has had no meeting yet this year.

Central PhD-Council

- Chair, vice chair and board members of CDR were elected at the first meeting. Next meeting will discuss the annual plan for CDR and how to improve PhD representation on all levels.
- PhD students should be made aware of Plan S, a European plan for how research is published in the future. PhD students are encouraged to ask their departments how they are affected by Plan S (see Faculty Board & Arbetsutskottet below).
- Language is an issue for many PhD student representatives. Many departments, like ACES, has a large majority of non-Swedish speaking PhD students who are denied to take part in board meetings by the department or section because of their lack of Swedish.
- There is a sustainability working group who will look into rules for catering, traveling, etc.
- On the next CDR meeting, representatives will be nominated for Sveriges förenade studentkårer, SFS (before 24th of February).

Faculty Board & Arbetsutskottet

- The process of the pilot quality reviews that took place last semester is now being evaluated by the university. The Student Union will write a statement from a student perspective (input for this can be sent to Elis). This year,
another 9–13 programs will be reviewed, which means that 3–6 new working groups will be formed. Each of these groups will require a student or PhD student representative, which is why the chair of NFR proposes to create a working group, consisting of Yuan, Daniel, Elis and Marcel, that will look into ways to organise a pool for students who are interested in participating (see Working group for program evaluation at the Science faculty below). NFR thinks that participating in reviews should be made available for international students and PhD students since they are affected. There was a discussion whether PhD students who participate should get prolongation or payment, but no official position on this issue was taken by NFR.

- The faculty's maintenance plan (‘åtgärdsplan’) for the upcoming year will be decided at the next ON.

- ON will discuss Plan S (see Central PhD-council above) which, if enforced, will mean that all research at SU must be published in Gold Standard Open Access journals, even if this results in research being published in journals of lower quality. NFR believes that PhD students and young researchers need more information on how Plan S will be implemented, and more background on how publishing works in general.

- Nearly all departments at the faculty have been underperforming on Bachelor’s and Master's level and will have to hand money back to the university.

*Grundutbildningsberedningen*

- GB has decided to recommend to the next ON that the grade Fx because of minor formality issues can be upgraded to any other grade (A–E) not just an E. The change will affect both dissertations and regular courses.

*Department & Section Committees*

- Section for Geo- and Environmental sciences: Vetenskapens hus considers hiring PhD students with specific responsibilities.

- Biology section: There is a situation at SRC where an individual has been promoted to professor because of funding from another department. The PhD students are afraid that this might be one of many cases where the university is not planning for the future and may have to fire people, e.g. supervisors for PhD students, when funding stops in a few years’ time (or result in a disinclination of accepting new PhD students).
**Working group for program evaluation at the Science faculty**

Yuan, Daniel, Elis and Marcel were appointed as members of the working group that will create a pool for students interested in partaking in quality reviews (see Faculty Board & Arbetsutskottet above).

**10. Information from student- and PhD-councils**

Nothing to report.

**11. Decision point: Applying for council funding from SUS**

NFR decides that Daniel will apply for 500 SEK in council funding from the Student Union.

**12. Other questions**

The following NFR meetings will be held in Kårsalen instead of Rosa rummet.

**13. Meeting closed**

Yuan closed the meeting at 17.45.

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Yuan Guo
Chair

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Pil Maria Saugmann
Adjustor

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Elis Wibacke
Secretary