



Friday 29th of November, 12.15-13.00, Boströmrummet (A11:2), BMC

Attendance:

Emelie Öhnstedt, chair of MDR, Department of Medical Cell Biology

Kristel Parv, vice-chair of MDR, Department of Medical Cell Biology

Markus de Ruijter, treasurer of MDR, Department of Neuroscience

Loora Laan, MDR Representative in DN, Department of Immunology, Genetics and Pathology

Helen Haines, information officer/wen-master of MDR, Department of Neuroscience

Quan Wen, Department of Medical Cell Biology

Harmen Koning, representative from Department of Neuroscience

Elisavet Kaltsouni, Department of Neuroscience

Jana Immenschuh, Department of Neuroscience

Topics:

1. The meeting was declared opened by the chair Emelie
2. Kristel was elected as a secretary, and Loora was elected as a corrector
3. No co-options
4. Agenda was approved
5. Previous meeting minutes (191119 meeting) were approved.
6. Update on research tracks
 - MDR has sent a request to KUF to receive an update on the research track situation. Anders Backlund, vice-Dean for research training, answered on Friday, 29th of November, with an update, and Emelie gave a summary of the main points. Importantly, a list was provided that shows people who are in charge of each track and is given below (PS! Names with question mark are not confirmed):
 - i. Inflammation: Maija-Leena Eloranta IMV
 - ii. Neuroscience: M. Sjöblom & R. Bodén INV
 - iii. Cancer: Per-Henrik Edqvist IGP/U-CAN
 - iv. Reproduction & development: Theodora Kallak KBH
 - v. Drug development: Alexandra Teleki IfF
 - vi. Infection: Lindon Moodie ILK
 - vii. Cardiovascular: Kevin Mani IKV
 - viii. Metabolism: Maria Perreira IMV
(& G. Christoffersson?) (& MCB?)
 - ix. Musculo-skeletal:(Anders Brüggemann?) (IKV?)

- If a research track is not available that fits one's research directions, one can apply to a more senior researcher to form another research track more relevant to one's project. This should be coordinated with KUF.
- It is mandatory to sign up to a research track, but not to take part.

7. Christmas party

- All attendees were invited to take part in organising the Christmas event on 13th of December.

8. Messages:

- Faculty board (Emelie)
 - i. There is a scheme where a recent PhD graduate from UU can apply for funding to carry out a post-doc in SLU (only in the Veterinary department). The project was also ran last year, and will be open for a second round of applications in 2020.
- Committee for education on research level (KUF) (Markus)
 - i. More PhD courses are needed; a new course catalogue will be set up; PhD students are welcomed to make suggestions on which type of courses they would like to have available.
- PhD student board at Uppsala Student Union (DN) (Loora and Aida)
 - i. DN continues to work on the developing more clear guidelines on prolongation for participation in boards; a working group for mentorship has been set up; guidelines for Third-cycle education are being updated and will include a requirement for all PhD student to take an ethics course.
 - ii. If MDR wants to access the results PhD survey carried out in the spring by DN, then we need to ask a specific question we want the results from.
- PhD student board at Faculty of Pharmacy (FDR) (Kristel)
 - i. UU Library has advertised events that are coming up, including seminar in open access publishing.
 - ii. MedfarmDoIT provides support if PhD students want to make educational videos or podcasts.
- Committee for the Medical Faculty (Medicinska Kommittén) (Vacant)
- Rekryteringsgruppen för medicinsk fakultet (Recruitment board) (Vacant)
- Universitetsnämnden/-styrelsen (Vacant)
- Committee for Docenturkommittén (appointment of associated professors/senior lecturers) (Vacant)
- Representative in MedSek /Medical Section Union (vacant)
- Library cooperation group (Vacant)
- Committee for equal opportunities (Vacant)
- SVEK (Kommittén för Samverkan) / Collaborations Committee (Vacant)
- EXODIAB (Vacant)
- Representative in Infrastrukturkommittén/Infrastructure Committee (shared with FDR)/ (vacant)
- Messages from Medical Faculty departments' representatives
 - i. Department of Neuroscience (Harmen Koning)
 1. First neuroscience PhD student conference was organised successfully; next year, they are planning to organise a bigger conference with extra funding from the research track program, and it will be made mandatory for PhD students in the Neuroscience department to attend the conference.

- ii. Department of Immunology, Genetics and Pathology (IGP) (Vacant)
 - 1. Looora reported on behalf of the IGP department. IGP PhD council has started organising the annual PhD conference, and the annual Q&A seminar.
 - iii. Department of Medical Cell Biology (MCB) (Kristel Parv)
 - 1. Nothing to report.
 - iv. Department of Public Health and Caring Sciences (vacant)
 - v. Department of Surgical Sciences (vacant)
 - vi. Department of Women's and Children's health (vacant)
 - vii. Department of Medical Biochemistry and Microbiology (IMBIM)(vacant)
 - viii. Department of Medical Sciences (vacant)
9. Other matters
- A problem was brought up regarding the Swedish language used in several e-mails sent to the department-wide lists that contain important information (eg regarding safety and evacuation drills). Suggestions were made to report it to Skyddsombud and International Student Service by collecting e-mail examples and forwarding them.
10. Meeting was closed by Emelie.

Chair, Emelie Öhnstedt

Corrector, Looora Laan

Secretary, Kristel Parv