PhD Student Board

Medical Faculty

Meeting minutes

**26th of May, 12.15-13.00, Zoom meeting**

**Attendance:**

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| Emelie Öhnstedt | Department of MCB; chair of MDR |
| Kristel Parv | Department of MCB; vice-chair of MDR; MCB department representative in MDR |
| Helen Haines | Department of Neuroscience; information officer/web master of MDR |
| Markus de Ruijter | Department of Neuroscience; treasurer of MDR; representative in KUF |
| Daniel Schmitz | Department of IGP representative in MDR |
| Achyut Ram Vyakaranam | Department of Surgical Sciences |
| Salvador Daniel Rivas Carrillo | IMBIM |
| Haro de Grauw | Department of Women’s and Children’s health |
| Harmen Koning | Department of Neuroscience representative in MDR |
| Amanda Balboa Ramilo | Department of MCB |
| Catarina Leite | Department of MCB |

Topics:

1. The meeting was declared open by Emelie.
2. Kristel was elected as a secretary, and Markus the corrector.
3. No co-options.
4. The agenda was adopted without additions.
5. Previous meeting minutes (from 14th of April) were confirmed.
6. Elections for the Vice Deans of Medicine and KUF
   * Mats Larhed was elected as Vice-Chancellor of Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy
   * Eva Tiensuu-Jansson was elected as a Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy
   * Karin Forsberg Nilsson was elected as Dean of Medicine
   * Anders Backlund was elected as a deputy dean of research education.
7. Summary of 2019/2020 year of MDR
   * Emelie summarised the past year of MDR, including the Christmas Party, working on starting up functioning research tracks, credit adjustment issues, and being part of elections for above-mentioned positions.
8. Elections for MDR 2020/2021. The PhD students attending the meeting elected the following members for MDR 2020/2021:
   * Markus de Ruijter as the new chair
   * Amanda Balboa as the new vice-chair
   * Achyut Ram Vyakaranam as the new secretary
   * Catarina Leite as the new treasurer
   * Emelie Öhnstedt as the new auditor
   * Markus de Ruijter as the new information officer / Web-master
   * Kristel Parv as MDR representative in Kommittén för utbildning på forskarnivå (KUF ) / Doctoral Education Committee
   * Daniel Schmitz and Achyut Ram Vyakaranam as the new representatives in DN (Doktorandnämden) / Doctoral Board of Uppsala University
   * Harmen Koning as a representative from the Department of Neuroscience
   * Daniel Schmitz as a representative from the Department of IGP
   * Catarina Leite as a representative from Department of MCB
   * Achyut Ram Vyakaranam as a representative from Department of Surgical Sciences
9. Messages:
   * Faculty board (Emelie)
     1. New guidelines have been released by the Vice-chancellor regarding COVID19. Distance education will continue, but from 8th of June, all employees are encouraged to come to work, but not every day. No visits or travelling allowed until further notice.
     2. Funding for 3 post-doctoral positions is available for application (including in the field of clinical, medical and pharmaceutical research).
   * Committee for education on research level (KUF) (Markus). Unable to attend the last meeting.
   * PhD student board at Uppsala Student Union (DN) (Loora and Aida). No representative present in the last DN meeting as the representatives have graduated VT2020.
   * PhD student board at Faculty of Pharmacy (FDR)
   * Committee for the Medical Faculty (Medicinska Kommittén) (Vacant)
   * Rekryteringsgruppen för medicinsk fakultet (Recruitment board) (Vacant)
   * Universitetsnämmnden/-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)
   * Representantive in Infrastrukturkommittén/Infrastructure Committee (shared with FDR)/ (vacant)
   * Messages from Medical Faculty departments’ representatives
     1. Department of Neuroscience (Harmen Koning). Nothing to report.
     2. Department of Immunology, Genetics and Pathology (IGP) (Daniel Schmitz). PhD student conference is being planned for autumn. Elections for the new board will take place online. The IGP PhD student board is still working on the conflicting guidelines between KUF and IGP regarding course credits.
     3. Department of Medical Cell Biology (MCB) (Kristel Parv). Nothing to report.
     4. Department of Public Health and Caring Sciences (vacant)
     5. Department of Surgical Sciences (vacant). No representative, but Ram reported that Surgical Science PhD day usually takes place in September, unclear what will happen with it this year.
     6. Department of Women’s and Children’s health (vacant). No representative, but Haro reported that new courses are available in their research track.
     7. Department of Medical Biochemistry and Microbiology (IMBIM)(Filip). Representative not present, but Daniel Rivas reported that the planned poster session in the department was cancelled. The Careers beyond Academia seminar series will be organised again.
     8. Department of Medical Sciences (vacant)
10. Other matters
    * Haro reported that SULF is writing a letter to the rector for the university to provide funding for extending PhD and post-doc positions due to the COVID19 crisis. HDR is also sending out a similar letter.
    * Handover dinner will be organised with the board of MDR 2019/20 and 2020/21.
11. The meeting was closed by Emelie.

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Chair, Emelie Öhnstedt

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Secretary, Kristel Parv

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Corrector, Markus de Ruijter