

# Protocall for the PhD council 2018 fall meeting

*Date:* November 23, 2018

## **1 Formalities**

### **Opening**

The meeting was opened.

### **Attendance**

Anton Ljungdahl (Atom)  
Sara Boscolo Bibi (Chem)  
Axel Erbing (Chem)  
Anders Lundkvist (CoPS)  
Ahmed Abouelkomsan (Komko)  
Natalie Wilson (Komko)  
Naemi Florin (Komko)  
Pil Maria Saugmann (Komko)  
Irina Dumitru (Komko)  
Eduardo Valdés Santurio (Instrument)  
Kajsa-My Blomdahl (Atom)  
Nabila Shaikh (ELPA)

### **Confirmation of the meeting being announced according to protocol**

The meeting was announced according to protocol.

### **Confirmation of the agenda**

The agenda was confirmed.

### **Election of chairman**

Pil Maria Saugmann was elected.

### **Election of secretary**

Axel Erbing was elected.

### **Election of two adjusters**

Eduardo Valdés Santurio and Irina Dumitru were elected.

## **2 Approval of previous protocol (spring meeting)**

Postponed to the big spring meeting as it had not been uploaded in time.

## **3 Report from the cashier**

The current budget of the PhD council is 1317 kr as of the morning of the 23 November. A portion of this was spent on the food and drink for this evenings PhD pub.

## **4 Report from the auditors (revisors)**

The auditors reported that everything was in order.

## **5 Nominations and elections of representatives to faculty level**

### **Election of new CoPS representative (Jorge Laraña Aragon) for the PhD council**

Jorge Laraña Aragon was elected as the CoPS representative to the PhD Council. This was prompted by the departure of the previous representative (elected at the Spring meeting), who is set to graduate soon.

### **Information about the different councils and faculty work in general (Pil)**

Pil Maria Saugmann gave a presentation about the organization of Stockholm University, the Physics Department, and PhD student representation. Specifically, the function and representation of the Fysikum PhD council, the different Fysikum boards and committees, as well as the Faculty Board and faculty-level committees were explained in detail.

## **PhD and student councils**

In the following subsections, the people nominated (as opposed to elected) are presented in order of preference, i.e. the order that they will be voted for in the NFR meeting where elections take place.

### **Naturvetenskapliga fakultetsrådet**

*Elected:* Pil Maria Saugmann (*regular*), Natalie Wilson (*substitute*)

### **Central PhD council**

*Nominated:* 1) Pil Maria Saugmann

## **Committees and boards within the faculty**

### **Fakultetsnämnden**

*Nominated:* 1)

### **Områdesnämnden**

*Nominated:* 1)

### **Arbetsutskottet**

*Nominated:* 1)

### **Befordringsnämnden**

*Nominated:* 1) Natalie Wilson

### **Grundutbildningsberedningen**

*Nominated:* 1)

### **Docentberedningen**

*Nominated:* 1)

### **Infogrupper**

*Nominated:* 1)

## **Miljönätverket**

*Nominated:* 1)

## **Committees and boards within the faculty**

### **Sektionsberedningen**

*Nominated:* 1) Anton Ljungdahl

### **Forskarutbildningsberedningen**

*Nominated:* 1) Anton Ljungdahl

### **Läraryörlagsnämnden**

*Nominated:* 1) Kajsa-My Blomdahl

### **Stipendieberedningen**

*Nominated:* 1) Irina Dumitru

## **6 Report from the chairman**

### **Ethics course**

The ethics course has been given in the spring. No concerns about the course were raised.

### **Broad course**

The colloquium course is ongoing and is mandatory for new PhD students in physics and theoretical physics. No concerns about the course were raised.

### **50 % salary raise and the licentiate**

The salary raise for PhD student is now given after 50 % of the time spent towards the PhD, rather than after the completion of the licentiate degree. This is a temporary rule that will be subject to change once the head of the department (prefekt) and the PhD students responsible brings a new proposal to be analyzed and put into place in junction with the PhD council.

## **PhD council website**

The PhD council website can now be found on the Fysikum website. It contains information about the PhD council as well as general useful information about PhD studies. Feedback is expected from the PhD students so that the website/information can be improved.

## **ISP**

Within the next year, the ISP will be changed, from a PDF-file that you fill in and submit to the head of the department, to an integrated online system which include automatic reminders and other useful features. Suggestions of features to implement in this new system can be sent to Pil Saugmann.

## **Evaluation of PhD programs**

The Swedish government is evaluating the PhD programs and one of the physics programs was selected as a test case. The goal of this evaluation is quality assurance.

## **7 Social events for PhD students**

There will be a pub tonight at 17:00 after the meeting, outside the restaurant.

## **8 Other issues**

Nothing was brought up.