



Minutes Biologiska doktorandrådet (BDR)

Present

Ann-Kathrin Ziegler (Evolutionary Ecology), Katja Kozjek (BIODIV), David Gómez Blanco (MEMEG)

§ 1 Start of the meeting

16:05

§ 2 Choosing secretary and minutes approving person

Chair of meeting: Katja Kozjek, Secretary: David Gómez Blanco, Minutes approving: Ann-Kathrin Ziegler

§ 3 Approval of agenda

Approved.

§ 4 Minutes from the last meeting

Approved.

§ 5 Announcements

Staffan Bensch has informed about the possibility that the ventilation system of the Ecology building will be changed during summer 2021 and for security reasons, some parts of the building will be close. It has been discussed how this could affect the PhD students, it is decided to wait until the final decision whether to close or not the building is taken.

§ 6 Meeting with the directors of studies

Ann-Kathrin has received 26 responses to the survey from PhD students focusing on two topics, supervisors/relationship between PhD students and supervisors and covid-19. We quickly

review the result to prepare for the meeting with Emma and Per on April 14 at 13:30.

§ 7 Teaching hours

Each student is responsible for his/her teaching hours and should keep track of that. In case of doubt or problems, it could be possible to report it to Violeta Kaleskovska (financial administrator, at least for Evolutionary Ecology), but not sure if Jep Agrell (director of first and second cycle studies) can help.

We are going to bring this topic to the discussion with Emma and Per.

§ 8 Permanent reminders

- a. Late autumn - call for nominations of guest lecturer.
Katja has asked the PhD student for lecture nominations and she will summarise the candidates and send an email to the PhD students for voting their preferred candidate. We can ask Nathalie Feiner (from SACT) for helping with the date for the lecture.
- b. Early spring - check with current PhD-representatives in the various organs if they want to keep their positions, and if not call for new representatives and nominate these for election through NDR. Elections take place in April/May with a change-over in positions in July.
- c. After NDR elections – update lathunden with information for all new PhD students and the information for new foreign PhD students.
We will wait for NDR to sum the votes and send out the final election.
- d. January and September – after scheduling the coming semester's meetings, invite the prefect and the vice prefect to join one of meetings.

§ 10 Other issues

No

§ 11 Next meetings

13th May, 16:00

§ 12 Meeting closed

16:50

Secretary

David Gómez Blanco

Minutes Approving person

Ann-Kathrin Ziegler

Chair of meeting

Katja Kozjek