



## Minutes Biologiska doktorandrådet (BDR)

### Present

David Gomez Blanco (MEMEG), Twinkle Biswas (Functional Zoology), Yun-Ting Jang (Evolutionary Ecology, Ashish Ashish (MEMEG))

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### § 1 Start of the meeting

16:10

### § 2 Choosing secretary and minutes approving person

Chair of meeting: Twinkle Biswas, Secretary: Ashish Ashish,  
Minutes approving: David Gómez Blanco

### § 3 Approval of agenda

Approved.

### § 4 Minutes from the last meeting

Approved.

### § 5 Announcements

Simon Jacobsen Ellerstrand (MEMEG) has approached the BDR with the intention of organizing a retreat/workshop for the new PhDs. BDR will look for finances and volunteers for organizing an informal event. We will contact him on how it should be arranged.

### § 6 Invitation to PhDs to participate in HMS

Ph.D. students were asked to participate in HMS (health, environment, and safety committee) as a representative of the doctoral students. We still haven't got a positive response yet.

## § 7 SACT and annual BDR guest talk: list of potential guest speakers

David is helping SACT to organize the annual BDR guest talk by Niclas Backström which will be held on 31 March 2022.

## § 8 Guide for new PhD student in the Department of Biology

BDR has updated and change some text in the PhD student guide (updated links and other details). We decided to use the PhD student guide from NDR to help us design a template. We have also added some extra points which are included in the guide (maps, updated policies for students etc.). Ashish is responsible to send the guide to Inger Ekström.

## § 9 Permanent reminders

- a. Late autumn - call for nominations of guest lecturer.
- 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.
- d. January and September – after scheduling the coming semester's meetings, invite the prefect and the vice prefect to join one of meetings.
- e. Intro PhD event.

## § 10 Other issues

Participation of international students in the protest organized by NDR against the alien's act.

## § 11 Next meetings

24 February, 16:00

24 March, 16:00

28 April, 16:00

§ 12 Meeting closed

17:00

Secretary

Ashish Ashis

Minutes Approving person

David Gómez Blanco

Chair of meeting

Twinkle Biswas