



Minutes Biologiska doktorandrådet (BDR)

Present

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

§ 1 Start of the meeting

16:00

§ 2 Choosing secretary and minutes approving person

Chair of meeting: Ashish Ashish Secretary: David Gómez Blanco Minutes approving: Yun-Ting Jang

§ 3 Approval of agenda

Approved.

§ 4 Minutes from the last meeting

Approved with adjustment.

§ 5 Announcements

Yun-Ting Jang (as departmental board representative) joined the last NDR meeting at the Astronomy building to get feedback and understand better the organization of the different NDR activities.

§ 6 Representation in FUN

BDR has been in contact with Robin Pranter (FUN) and we will organise a meeting.

§ 7 Annual BDR meeting

Guest lecturer for BDR annual guest talk for 2023 is not final and will be discussed. The choice will be made by all PhD students.

§ 8 Prefect and the vice prefect meetings

BDR needs to send a survey link for discussion of progress about PhD students for the meeting with prefect and the vice prefect which will be scheduled for the next semester.

§9 Course for new PhD students

BDR intends to organize a course for PhD students which can help them navigate early days of doctoral studies. Finances and schedule are still being worked on. We will probably consult with Jessica Abbott.

§10 BDR website

The BDR is working on improving the website with more detailed information about the help PhD students can receive and how BDR represents their rights at other boards in the department. Yun-Ting Jang has written an initial draft.

§ 11 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.

§ 12 Other issues

The BDR have discussed the changes to the Aliens Act and how impact researchers and doctoral candidates. It is intended to collect more information.

BDR members are working on getting own domain name for BDR web mails.

§ 13 Next meetings

2 October, 16:00

§ 14 Meeting closed

16:45