



Minutes Biologiska doktorandrådet (BDR)

Present

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

§ 1 Start of the meeting

16:15

§ 2 Choosing secretary and minutes approving person

Chair of meeting: Ashish Ashish Secretary: Yun-Ting Jang

Minutes approving: David Gomez Blanco

§ 3 Approval of agenda

Approved.

§ 4 Minutes from the last meeting

Approved with adjustment.

§ 5 Announcements

- a. We want to do a survey of the career meeting after the halftime report: We want to know how many have actually done that, and we want to know about the general opinion on the career meeting.
- b. Yun-Ting as at the departmental board meeting and reports that course planning and summary of courses will be improved.
- c. David will be less present in BDR since he is finishing his PhD. Ashish will become the main representative of MEMEG and David will become the deputy.

§ 6 Meeting with prefect and vice-prefect

We will discuss potential questions for the survey that will be sent out to the students, and we will arrange the meeting with prefect and vice-prefect.

§ 7 Nominees for BDR annual presentation

We will send out the voting sheet for the nominated speaker.

§ 8 Discussion with FUN representative

- a. Current situation: We may lack some information about the general well-being from the PhD students in the biology building. FUN is aware of that and will think about how to tackle the issue.
- b. PhD students are on sick leave a lot: Could there be a possible reason and pattern? It may be helpful to initiate a meeting with BDR, PhD coordinators and the examiners to discuss a solution.
- c. We should update the rules and the duties of the examiners.

§ 9 Workshop for A-kassa

FUN will discuss the possibility to hold an A-kassa workshop and merge it with the PhD introductory course.

§ 10 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

§ 11 Other issues

§ 12 Next meetings

7 November, 16:00

§ 12 Meeting closed

17:19