



Minutes Biologiska doktorandrådet (BDR)

Present

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

§ 1 Start of the meeting

16:14

§ 2 Choosing secretary and minutes approving person

Chair of meeting: David Gomez Blanco Secretary: Damandeep Kaur Minutes approving: Twinkle Biswas

§ 3 Approval of agenda

Approved.

§ 4 Minutes from the last meeting

Approved.

§ 5 Announcements

- David will be handling the thesis so he will not be able to attend any other BDR meetings.
- Damandeep was at the departmental board meeting and reported that the board has decided to save 2 million SEK combined from the unit, doctoral students, and facility management. In the future, if there will be a deficit for example above 1 million SEK, then units will be informed to not hire new PhD students unless there is a

special situation. But right now, because of unit restructuring, it is not recommendable to do that

§ 6 Meeting with prefect and vice-prefect

The meeting with the prefect and vice prefect will be organised somewhere during March.

§ 7 Nominees for annual BDR guest talk

- Ashish mentioned that the first speaker elected – professor Detley Arendt for the annual BDR talk did not reply so he contacted the second preference Katrine who agreed to come by on 8 June. He will contact Annika for accommodation.
- Yun-ting will be hosting Katrine and put in contact by Ashish.

§ 8 PhD intro event

- Budget: receipt of expenses will be given to the department
- Change of the date: the proposed date 9 February is clashing with a symposium on Mendel 200 years – from Mendelism to polygenic inheritance. So, the new proposed date and time are 8 February 16:30.
- BDR talk: it was suggested to keep BDR talk between 5–10 minutes of the time window. Twinkle suggested removing the intro word from the presentation so that old PhD students can also join and to mention vacant positions in BDR, Ting will do this presentation
- Structure and timing of presentations:
 - BDR would present first for 10 minutes
 - A-kassan's/SULF presentation for 20 minutes
 - HR– Ewa (10–15 minutes)
 - Administration – Annika (10–15 minutes)
 - Online resources – Inger (10–15 minutes)
 - Library – Anja and Frida (10–15 minutes)

§ 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.

§ 10 Other issues

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§ 11 Next meetings

7 February, 16:00

§ 12 Meeting closed

16:57

Secretary

Damandeep Kaur

Minutes Approving person

Twinkle Biswas

Chair of meeting

David Gomez Blanco