

Minutes Biologiska doktorandrådet (BDR)

Present

Damandeep Kaur (Evol-eco), Twinkle Biswas (Functional zoology), Ashish Ashish (MEMEG), Nima Mohseni (Mol. cell), Elana Engert (Evol-eco)

§ 1 Start of the meeting

16:05

§ 2 Choosing secretary and minutes approving person

Chair of meeting: Twinkle Biswas,

Secretary: Ashish Ashish

Minutes approving: Nima Mohseni

§ 3 Approval of agenda

Approved

§ 4 Minutes from the last meeting

Approved.

§ 5 Announcements

NDR Elections for 2023-24 will be held soon and Twinkle will update the doctoral students on the final dates. BDR guest lecture will be organised on 8th June and Yun-Ting is responsible for the accommodation and travel plans for Dr. Catherine Graham.

§ 6 Meeting with prefect and vice-prefect

We have the potential questions of the students, and we will arrange the meeting with prefect and vice-prefect hopefully in April.

§ 7 New members

Elana Engert (from Evolutionary ecology) has joined the BDR as a new member. Damandeep Kaur joined the BDR last year.

§ 8 Elections

Elections for student councils (NDR) will be held in a few months. Nima Mohseni is vice-chair of NDR and NDR's representative in LDK right now and might take up the position of executive director of the internal affairs.

§ 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

- Nima suggested on organising a lecture with DOMB (Doctoral Student Ombudsperson) as most PhDs are unaware of it.
- BDR will meet with FUN members (Robin, Julia) to discuss updates from BDR as well as FUN.
- LDK guide for PhDs will be updated so BDR will also update the guide for PhDs in the Department of Biology and a way to get students access to it before they start.
- Elana proposed organisation of workshops for PhDs outside of BLAM.

§ 11 Next meetings

16:00 on 17th April 2023

§ 12 Meeting closed

16:50