

## **Minutes Biologiska doktorandrådet (BDR)**

### **Present**

Ashish Ashish (MEMEG), Elana Engert (Evol-eco), Robin Pranter (Evol-eco)

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### **§ 1 Start of the meeting**

16:10

### **§ 2 Choosing secretary and minutes approving person**

Chair of meeting: Robin Pranter,

Secretary: Ashish Ashish

Minutes approving: Elana Engert

### **§ 3 Approval of agenda**

Approved

### **§ 4 Minutes from the last meeting**

Approved.

### **§ 5 Announcements**

The schedule for the 2024 PhD event was discussed with respect to its timing. Additionally, there is a need to update the mailing list for doctoral students.

### **§ 6 Seminar series 2023**

Elana Engert is coordinating an informal seminar series tailored for Ph.D. candidates in the biology department. This initiative aims to assist students in improving their grant-writing skills and will include various topics in subsequent sessions.

## § 7 PhD Guide for students in the Department of Biology

Various subjects for incorporating updates into the guide, such as organizing mingling events for PhD candidates, providing links for grants, and revamping the BDR website were discussed.

## § 8 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 the meetings.
- e. Intro PhD event

## § 9 Other issues

The process of nominating a guest lecturer for next year's BDR lecture has been concluded, and soon, the students will have the opportunity to vote for their preferred speaker.

## § 10 Next meetings

16:00 on 28 November 2023

## § 11 Meeting closed

17:10