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Agenda - PhD Student Council

22nd of January 2021 at 13:00 via Zoom (link will be provided prior to the meeting)

- 1 Opening of the meeting
 - 1.a Election of meeting chair and secretary
 - 1.b Approval of agenda
 - 1.c Review of meeting guidelines
- 2 Outside minutes/information:
 - 2.a DBB Board Meeting
- 3 .By-election of vacant positions on the PhD council
 - 3.a Representative for DBB Board Meetings (1)
 - 3.b Deputy representative for DBB Board Meetings (1)
 - 3.c PhD studies Neurochemistry (2)
 - 3.d PhD studies Biochemistry (1)
 - 3.e PhD studies Bioinformatics (1)
- 4 Employability of PhD students from DBB
- 5 Holiday days
- 6 Feedback about the annual evaluation
- 7 Additional order of business
- 8 Closing of the meeting

Minutes:

Attendance: Sara Kosenina, Juliane John, Jens Berndtsson, Maximillian Pöverlein, Friederike Allgöwer, Mateusz Jancyak, Roksana Khalid, Andriana Mantzafou, Ylva Johansson, Joan Patrick, Therese Grönlund, Irene Mei

Meeting started at 13.02

1. Sara is chair, Juliane is vice chair and secretary
2. Change in agenda, 2a is moved to the end
3. By-Election of vacant positions in the PhD council:

no volunteers for 3a, 3b, d and e

PhD studies representative for Neurochemistry: Roksana Khalid, Andriana Mantzafou nominated -> elected

4. Employability of PhD students from DBB:

Statistics or general info about where people end up after PhD is not available. Is there an alumni network on SU level or at the student union? -> Joan wants to check if there is something from the SU side we could easily use

DBB wants us to be prepared for the job market, but there are no practical courses for certificates which could help (e.g. good lab practice, FPLC and imino acid course) -> bring it up in PhD studies group

Before finishing PhD there is a lot of formal things for the real world to take care of (like A-kassa, unions). DBB is not informing about them. -> Ideas for collecting and conveying this info: PhD council's own webpage, a yearly seminar, part of PhD handbook. Roksana will start compiling these infos, contact her if you want to help.

5. Holiday days

What happens with leftover holiday days, both from the year before and at the end of PhD (in case it is too many to take them all in the remaining time)? DBB doesn't pay money for leftover vacation. Why? How Many days can be transferred? -> Ask Naturveterna what is legal in this regard -> Therese is going to ask them. Ask Maria and Martin to join an upcoming PhD council to clarify this.

6. Feedback about the annual evaluation

The new form is better than before; the structure is good, the examples are helpful. The form is still not working properly for different readers; the signature doesn't work everywhere, in some readers the boxes can't be filled with content.

7. DBB Board meeting schedule:

Feedback on changes in the ISP, not really other relevant points

8. Additional order of business

Let's try to communicate for PhD council on discord