**Representative meeting**

**Representative meetings do not have an official protocol with attestants.**

Protocol representative meeting Domfil 2015-05-07

**Location/time**

Kl 17 – 19 at Almen.

**Present**

Johanna Hengen

Liam Ward

Cynthia Veenstra

Sandeep Koppal

Mehrnaz Zeitooni

Daniel Söderberg

Therese Gustafsson

Stefan Ljunggren

Hanna Lindblom

Angelika Holm

Anna Nilsson

Sandra Hellberg

Anna Eskilsson

Linnea Sandin

Erik Hilborn

Maria Weiner

Margit Neher

Emina Vorkapic

Anna Södergren

Caroline Bivik

**Report from all groups.**

**Medical faculty - Forum för forskarutbildning: Anna**

Forum för Forskarutbildning have two meetings each semester. Anna participated in one due to maternity leave. They discussed the survey regarding PhD studies and whether to change the layout of the survey, whether to add or remove or rephrase certain questions. Mehrnaz will be added as a complimentary representative on the board.

**FUN: Cynthia, Angelica and Emina.**

FUN’s general tasks are among other things to discuss the post-graduate courses, the course evaluations and decide on who is allowed to defend their thesis. FUN have meetings roughly once a month. Since the last representative meeting, the FUN board have discussed the current course program and the new budget for the courses. The report from the course evaluation is not yet complete, but the preliminary results suggest that HU has improved compared to last year, although stress levels among PhD students is still quite high. A more in-depth analysis of the survey will be held at the next meeting.

FUN is also discussing the best strategy for spreading information between the faculty to different organizations. The current methods vary between IKE and IMH. At IKE, information is currently filtered through Anneli Lindström before being passed forward to PhD students. FUN is therefore discussing how we (PhD students) want information regarding things like conferences or similar to be distributed. The impression is that PhD students at IKE are generally content with having the information filtered through Anneli, although it could be good to include information both in email format and on the webpage.

Finally, FUN has on-going discussions regarding forskningsammanuenser (research amanuensis/teaching assistants). The research amanuensis system has been implemented for 3 semesters, going on the 4th, but few people are applying.

**Hiring committee: Stefan and Maria**

Stefan and Maria were unable to attend.

**Admission board: Johanna Homan.**

Johanna Homan was unable to attend.

**Core facility: Anna**

Anna was unable to attend, but her information is shared through Liam. There is not much news from Core Facility, everything is more or less normal and the economy is OK. There is an on-going recruitment for new technical staff. Anna is going on maternity leave and will leave her position as a representative next semester.

**IKE Board: Anna**

The IKE board’s discussion has been dominated by the recent poor economy. The focus is currently on how institute can afford to keep the stuff that it already has. To cut costs, some employments that have already been approved from the faculty have been reversed. There is quite a lot of discontent and more costs than were expected.

When the economy was good, there was a lot of incentive programs. The IKE Board has discussions on what to keep and what’s the most important incentive program. IKE had a lot of myndighetskapital that we needed to get rid of. We went back -60 million this year, which was more than expected. This means that the myndighetskapital is gone, but leaves the faculty with a poor financial situation.

The Wallenberg foundation incentive will build up huge research departments. 5-6 research groups will be based at IKE, which means about a 100 more people. This means more money to expand the organizations, on the other hand there will be no money for other employments this year.

**IMH Board Daniel**

The IMH board has discussed the new collaboration project between the different universities in Sweden and financing discussions with Linköping County. The project is a national cardiovascular study. Linköping wants to participate partly due to status but doesn’t really have the funding.

Daniel made sure IMH did not cut funding for HURS this year.

The medical school will not be getting as much money as expected, due to an under-graduation of the doctor students (many taking sabbatical/breaks in their education, failing exams). The medical program brings in a lot of money, which makes it a very important program.

**Sandeep Antagningskommitté för doktorander IMH/Acceptance comittee at IMH.**

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**Consensus**

Nothing of relevance to PhD-students have been discussed recently in Consensus.

**Faculty Board – Caroline Bivik**

She is not present. Liam thinks she wants to continue as a representative. Mehrnaz is substitute in the board. The board meets once a month for 3-4 hours. In general, the Faculty Board discusses situations that occur in different groups/institutions, such as conflicts in research groups over things like publications. The board also chooses honorary doctors and review nominations with information regarding the person. The board has discussions on who can receive the title, whether they are an appropriate candidate. The board also works with changes in course plans, examinators and how the faculty should work and the aim for the upcoming years.