 Protocol DOMFIL section meeting

When: 2017-06-08, 17:15-19:00
Where: Rönnien
Present members: Asif Aziz, Liam Ward, Cynthia Veenstra, Tejaswi Badam, Olof Rundquist, Maite Casado, Karin Wåhlén, Anna Asrations, Arjan Mofers

§1. Opening of the meeting
The Vice-Chairman of DOMFIL, Anna Asrations, opened the meeting.

§2. Election of meeting chairman, secretary and 2 attestants
Election of secretary: Arjan Mofers
Election two attestants: Liam Ward and Asif Aziz

§3. Meeting eligibility due to time of call
The meeting and all documents was sent out in time. The meeting was called eligibly.

§4. Adjunctions
No adjunctions.

§5. Registration of new questions
Meeting voted on addition of Operational report from 16/17
Add by-laws to agenda as paragraph 14.1

§6. Establishment of the agenda
§7. Previous protocols
Protocol of previous section meeting put to file

§8. Operational report 2016/17
Maite summarized the operational report 2016/2017

Recruiting for PhD students has not yet led to concrete results. MD-PhD has so far indicated that their preferred route it an independent representation.

PhD ombudsman at LiU was a suggestion we were involved in. We have intensively reviewed and provided feedback on the proposal. DOMFIL considers the suggestion to have relatively minimal impact for the Ph.D students at MedFak, considering the infrastructure currently in place. Ultimately, the DOMFIL board considered the proposal to be of insufficient quality to support.
We started the year with a considerable excess of money. We spend this money mostly on merchandize and member exclusive events.

Representatives have been recruited. Representatives are working well and have given positive feedback in the two meetings we had with them in our year. We are further working to get involved in representation at campus Norrköping as well.

HURS was a success. We had good lecturers and a broad range of companies. Visitors and companies appreciated the event.

We have organized several events, aimed mostly at member recruitment. We made an agreement with horse and hound on a monthly basis. We organized some events together with LiUPhD. Project X to Kolmården was well appreciated.

Operational report was accepted and put to file

§9. Operational plan 2017/18

Suggestion for operational plan 2017/2018

- recruit people actively through their admission meetings, and annual PhD introduction meetings
- Contact new PhD students directly, also at the start of their mandatory courses

Events: HURS, mandatory arranged events (representatives meetings and section meetings).

Proposal for operational plan is accepted and put to file.

§10. Budget 2017/18

We planned to spend around 78k SEK excess. We ended up spending around 80k SEK excess. We spend most of that money on events and merchandize including the rebranding effort. Rebranding was unplanned, so went considerably over budget (including under HURS).

Next year’s budget has been marginalized. Removed project X as there is no longer an excess to bridge. Merchandize money and social events have been reduced. Expenses of HURS are kept constant with budgets prior to 2016/2017.

Proposed budget is accepted and put to file. Correct typing error in the budget that allocated 55,000 SEK in cash to the starting budget was corrected.

Budget for 2017/2018 is accepted.

§11. Election of DOMFIL board 2017/18

Maite Casado has been elected as chairman for the DOMFIL board 2017/2018

Karin Wåhlén has been elected as educational supervisor for the DOMFIL board 2017/2018
§12. Dismissal of representatives

Cynthia dismissed from FUN and Core Facility

§13. Election of representatives for vacant positions

Rikard Tordöö has been elected (Faculty Board, Barnafrid)

§14. Motions

1. By-laws

The section meeting goes through the by-laws. Most of the changes are for terminology and spelling mistakes. Most notably, we changed ruling on eligibility for different types of membership and on rights of activity pass holders. Further modifications are done to clarify that research engineers and research assistants pay directly DOMFIL, not CONSENSUS in paragraph 2.1. Change webmaster to communication officer. 4.12 should be the last section meeting of the fiscal year spring meeting.

By laws changes are discussed and accepted.

§15. Report from representative meeting

Karin has had been in meetings with board representatives and informed about the news there are lack of representatives, in the boards they don’t really discuss about DOMFIL, there are very few full time PhD students, etc.

§16. Educational survey: mandatory courses

Not many responses were done so the deadline has been prolonged. The new questions are discussed and presented to the section meeting. Based to the 32 responses, too few, the mandatory courses haven’t improve. The survey will be send again in autumn.

§17. Questions for the board?

No questions were registered.

§18. Reports from board

A brief summary of the representative work of DOMFIL board was given to the members. The DOMFIL board has represented their members in LUST-DK, PhD Ombudsman and studentledningsrådet, amongst other. LUST-DK is a group consisting of the Chairman of all student unions and representatives from both PhD associations at the Linköping university.

Educational Supervisor: Changes have been made to mandatory courses. Collaboration with Siw Carlfsjord, responsible for PhD courses at Medical Faculty. Meeting with all course leaders to discuss future changes and future educational survey.
§19. Other questions

No other questions.

§20. Closing of the meeting

The meeting was closed at 19.30 by Vice-Chairman.

Anna Asratian, Vice-Chairman

Arjan Mofers, Secretary

Liam Ward, Attestant

Asif Aziz, Attestant