



Domfil section meeting 1, 26-11-2014

**Location/Time:**

17:00 -18.45 in Rönne.

**Present:**

Anna Södergren

Kjersti Claesson

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Antonio Lentini

Cornelia Bratengeier

Jenny Vegfors

Angelika Holm

Riccardo Barchiesi

Stefan Ljunggren

Simon Jönsson

Sandeep Koppal (Treasurer)

Cynthia Veenstra (Vice-President)

Liam Ward (Educational surveyor)

Mehrnaz Zeitooni (Chairman)

Johanna Hengen (Secretary)

**§1 Opening of the meeting**

**§2 Election of chairman:**

Mehrnaz Zeitooni is elected to chairman of the meeting.

**§3 Election of Secretary**

Johanna Hengen is elected to secretary of the meeting.

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#### **§4 Election of two attestants/vote counters**

Kjersti Claesson and Stefan Ljunggren are elected as attestants of the meeting.

#### **§5 Meeting eligibility due to time of call**

The preliminary call and final call were out on time, but the appendices should have been sent out with the final call. It is in the by-laws that the agenda and proposals need to be out at least 5 days before the meeting, however there is some confusion whether the appendices count as proposals or not. It is decided that the appendices don't contain information that is essential to any of the votes and that the meeting is still eligible.

#### **§6 Adjustment of the electoral roll**

#### **§7 Adjunctions**

#### **§8 Registration of new questions**

Anna Södergren suggests that there is a vote to approve the representatives previously appointed by the board in an earlier meeting. This is added as point 22.

Angelica Holm has a new question that is added on point 23.

#### **§9 Confirmation of the agenda**

#### **§10 Annual, economic and audit report from previous year**

*Operational plan:* Anna goes through the operational plan. The operational plan is included as appendix 1.

*Financial report:* Cynthia presents the financial report. It is pointed out that there is a typo in the financial report that makes the part about the Nobel Prize Party confusing. The financial report is included as appendix 2.

*Audit report:* Cynthia presents Daniel Söderberg's audit report in his stead. The audit report is included as appendix 3.

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The section votes to approve the operational plan, financial report and audit report subjected to that the typo in the financial report is corrected.

### **§11 Decision of freedom of liability for previous DOMFIL board**

The old board is adjusted out from the vote due to bias. The section votes to grant the old board freedom of liability.

### **§12 Election of new accountant**

Nominated: Mikaela Ridelberg

Mikaela Ridelberg is elected as the new accountant.

### **§13 Report from the board**

Mehrnaz goes through what the new board has done so far and events that are planned. The events that have been hosted so far have been well attended.

### **§14 Report from representatives**

Report from the Representative meeting 12th November

Cynthia summarizes the main discussion points that were brought up during the representative meeting on the 12th of November, 2014. The faculty board is deciding on the economical plan for the upcoming years and suggested cutting down on the dissertation compensation, but decided against it after a letter from the DOMFIL board. The IMH board are discussing what the Myndighetskapital ("leftover money") should be used for, and FUN are working with decreasing the waiting period for popular courses. Angelica also presented the SWOT analysis of the faculty. A new evaluation will be sent out during the spring called Nöjd Medarbetarindex, which Angelica urges everyone to complete.

### **§15 Dismissal of representatives**

1. Jenny Vegfors – FUN

Jenny wants to be dismissed from her representative spot as she is not a PhD-student anymore.

2. Anna Forsberg - IKE board

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Jenny Vegfors and Anna Forsberg are relieved of their duties.

## **§16 Election of members to sit in different groups as representatives for DOMFIL**

### **16.1 IKE Board**

1 representative

Nominated: Riccardo Barchiesi

1 alternate member

Nominated:

Riccardo is elected as representative for the IKE Board. Stefan suggests to decide to delegate the appointment of an alternative member to the DOMFIL board.

### **16.2 IMH Board**

1 alternate member

Nominated:

The section votes to delegate the appointment of all currently unfilled representative positions to the DOMFIL board.

### **16.3 FUN (Forskar- och forskarutbildningsnämnden, Board for research and**

PhD studies)

1 representative

Nominated: Cynthia Veenstra

1 alternate member

Nominated: Erik Hilborn and Riccardo Barchiesi

Cynthia Veenstra is elected as a representative for FUN. Erik Hilborn and Riccardo Barchiesi are elected as alternative members in FUN.

### **16.4 Consensus Council (FUM)**

2 alternate members

Nominated:

Riccardo Barchiesi is elected as an alternative member in Consensus FUM.

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## §17 Election of Election Committee

Nominated:

Anna Södergren is elected to the election committee, the rest is delegated to the board.

## §18 Changes in the by-laws

§7:2 Firmatecknare utgörs var för sig av ordförande, kassör och vice-ordförande.

§7.2 Authorised signatories comprise the chairman, treasurer and vice-chairman

The idea behind the proposal is that it will be easier to divide tasks among the board if the vice-president is also a firmatecknare. Anna S suggests that this might not be practical, since the firmatecknare has to be voted in during the section meeting. This means that it would take a relatively long while before the new vice-president would have access to the bank. Angelica is also against the change on the basis that it is difficult to find enough people for the board as it is, and that with 4 mandatory positions (chairman, vice-president, treasurer and educational surveillance) instead of 3 might increase the risk of ending up with an incomplete board.

The change in the by-laws is rejected based on the above concerns.

## §19 Interest for participating in organising HURS

A list is passed around for people to sign up if they want to help out with minor tasks with HURS, for example pick up flowers or gifts for speakers, presenting speakers or being a moderator.

## §20 Member survey

A member survey was sent out in order to get a feeling of what DOMFIL members think of the social activities that DOMFIL hosts. DOMFIL wants to create activities that are interesting to different kinds of members, and some "type" of members might not be able to or want to attend the current activities due to work schedules, family commitments, wanting to avoid alcohol or preferring more mature activities. The response rate was unfortunately very low. It is decided at the meeting that it should be sent out again with a reminder, in a separate email.

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## **§21 Alcohol Policy**

Mehrnaz brings up the discussion about a potential alcohol policy in DOMFIL. The idea is that the "free bar" events that DOMFIL hosts might scare some people off and attract people for the wrong reasons. Money that is currently being spent on providing alcohol should maybe be relocated to go to benefiting the people who do actual work for DOMFIL – the representatives. It is clarified that this does not mean that DOMFIL will stop providing alcohol all-together, but only that the availability at events should be reduced. It is suggested that alcohol could be sold at a reduced value, but this provokes a counter-discussion that doing such a thing would result in more work for the board.

There is a discussion on whether it is practical to have a written policy about alcohol. The board is free to act after what they think is best regarding alcohol at events without a policy. The question is how much the current board should try to regulate upcoming boards regarding alcohol at events. Creating a written policy means that there is a bigger impact on how future boards work, but on the flipside regulation means that there is less flexibility for the new board to do what they think works best.

## **§22 Approval of board-appointed representatives.**

### **22.1 Approval of Mikeal Forsgren**

Mikeal Forsgren is approved.

### **22.2 Approval of Hanna Lindblom**

Hanna Lindblom is approved.

## **§23 Discussion point on the future of DOMFIL.**

It was a discussions at the last spring section meeting on what DOMFIL's focus should be and ways to motivate the representatives. Some of the events that DOMFIL hosts were originally created to spend excess money that DOMFIL. It is planned that for next year, DOMFIL won't have any more excess money to spend, so it might be time to decrease the amount of events that DOMFIL is arranging in order to not lose money and decrease the work-load of the board. Angelica suggests putting the focus back on the representatives and the education surveillance, but still creating spaces for PhD-students to meet and talk. It

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is a good discussion for DOMFIL to have in order to prepare for the operational plan during the spring section meetings. It is pointed out that activities also attract PhD-students to become members and that it's worth considering before cutting down activities.

Events were added to spend money that DOMFIL had, but now there isn't an excess of money. Next year the balance should be zero – maybe it's now time to decrease the amount of events that DOMFIL arranges, in order to not lose money and decrease work-load on the board. Putting focus back on representatives and educational surveillance, but still creating spaces for PhD-students to meet. Good to discuss in order to prepare for the operational plan in the spring section meeting. E.g. for three years we've arranged a Kick-Off for the members, which has increased the work-load for the board members considerably.

### **§23 End of meeting**

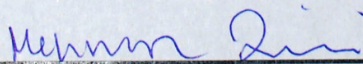
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### **Verification signatures**

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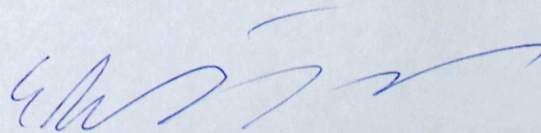
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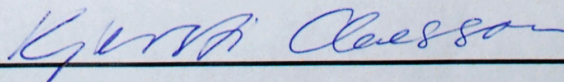
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Attesting Stefan Ljunggren



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Attesting Kjersti Claesson



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