Operational Plan DOMFIL 2013-2014

This document is the operational plan (verksamhetsplan in swedish) for DOMFIL, the Ph.D student association of the medical faculty in Linköping.

Educational surveillance

The Educational surveillance (Utbildningsbevakning) is something that is regulated by agreement with Consensus. In all matters relating to educational surveillance, a close contact with DOMFILs representatives in Research and PhD studies Committee (Forsknings- och forskarutbildningsnämnden, FUN) are required since this instance is responsible for the quality of the PhD studies at the medical faculty. For 2013/2014, the educational surveillance will focus on:

1. Course evaluations. During 2012/2013 Forskarutbildningsnämnden (FUN) initiated a review of courses at the medical faculty. For next year, the way courses are evaluated should itself be evaluated to find out whether the current way with no central evaluation is good for the quality of the courses.
2. Follow-up whether the review of the courses with subsequent plans for improvement are carried out.
3. Availability of information regarding funding for taking courses at other universities. To further help PhD students, make sure that the information regarding funding when taking courses off-site becomes clear and easy.
4. Investigate possibility of digitalization of parts of courses.

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During spring each year, HU research symposium is arranged by DOMFIL. The board is responsible for arranging the event, but other members of DOMFIL should be involved to relieve the board of some work-load.

Other events

During the year, events arranged provide the members and other PhD students with the great opportunity to meet and discuss questions regarding the PhD studies. The events are divided into two categories, should be arranged and may be arranged.

Other events which have to be arranged include:

- Section meeting, at least once a semester

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- Representatives meeting, one each semester to improve the communication between the representatives themselves, but also between the board and the representatives
- Kick-off. After two years, this is a quite established project in which members (old and new) are invited to a meeting where the organization and work of DOMFIL during upcoming year are discussed.
- The well-established Nobel Prize party around the Nobel day to celebrate science in general.

Other events which may be arranged include:

- Spring event “Grillning”
- PhD pubs at Pub Örat or other afterwork.
- Floorball
- PhD Hotel breakfast

**Information to new PhD-students**
During several years, there has been talk about creating some info-material to newly accepted PhD-students and possibly “instructions” to the representatives in the PhD admission boards. During 2013/2014, this should be further investigated and possibly initiated.