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## **Protocol DOMFIL section meeting**

When: 2019-05-23, 17:15-19:00

Where: Almen, floor 10

### **§1. Opening of the meeting**

The meeting was opened by Vice Chairman Maike Bensberg at 17:16

### **§2. Election of meeting chairman, secretary and 2 attestants**

Olof Rundquist was elected to be the meeting chairman.

Lovisa Örkenby was elected to be the meeting secretary.

Magnus Ziegler and Liam Ward were elected as attestants.

### **§3. Meeting eligibility due to time of call**

The meeting was eligible due to time of call. The preliminary agenda was sent on 29<sup>th</sup> of April and the final agenda was sent on 16<sup>th</sup> of May, which is in accordance with DOMFILs by-laws.

### **§4. Present during the meeting**

Present during the meeting were:

Maike Bensberg, Olof Rundquist, Karin Wåhlén, Liam Ward, Lovisa Örkenby, Sophia Beeck, Katherine Easingwood, Magnus Ziegler, Georgia Papapavlou, Sandra Lilja, Riccardo Barchiesi, Elisabeth Paul

Present from 17:16: Maike Bensberg, Olof Rundquist, Karin Wåhlén, Liam Ward, Lovisa Örkenby, Sophia Beeck, Katherine Easingwood, Magnus Ziegler, Georgia Papapavlou, Sandra Lilja

- Number of members who can vote is: 10



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Riccardo Barchiesi arrived at 17:33

- The electoral roll adjusted to: 11

Elisabeth Paul arrived 17:50

- The electoral roll adjusted to: 12

Georgia Papapavlou left 18:17

- The electoral roll adjusted to: 11

DOMFIL currently has 32 members and 1 activity pass holder.

#### **§5. Adjunctions**

No adjunctions

#### **§6. Registration of new questions and motions**

- Liam Ward – responsible spending (discussed during the budget paragraph)
- Riccardo Barchiesi – Budget for external HURS organizers (discussed during the budget paragraph)

#### **§7. Establishment of the agenda**

The agenda was established. The agenda was accepted.

#### **§8. Dismissal of representatives**

The following representatives were dismissed:

- FSM and Barnafriid: Rickard Tordön



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#### **§9. Election of new representatives for vacant positions**

The following representatives were elected:

- FSM: Tove Törnqvist
- Barnafriid: Rebecca Paul

#### **§10. Report from the board**

##### Share points

Members of the DOMFIL board can apply for share points for their work on the board. However, the rules and regulations for applying are not equal within all institutions at LiU. Therefore, the DOMFIL board has worked on detailing and clarifying the process of applying for these share points.

##### Doktorandombud

Linköping University is one of only two universities in all of Sweden, which does not have a Doktorandombud (DO). A DO would be an independent person or persons, who would offer advice and work on finding solutions to problems that are common among PhD students at LiU and also on problems of individual PhD students. The DOMFIL board 2018/2019 is of the opinion that the establishment of a DO is important and has worked on figuring out the details for such a position and has started writing a proposal in collaboration with student unions and LiUPhD (LUST-DK).

##### Website

Currently DOMFIL has 2 official websites. The new website under consensus (<https://www.consensus.liu.se/sektionerna/domfil>) is not used regularly, since the format is impractical for DOMFIL. The problem has been brought to the attention of consensus. Therefore, the old website ([domfil.se](http://domfil.se)) is being continued as in previous years.

Since this operational year 2018/19 the treasurer has been the official owner of DOMFIL's website and this practice will be continued in the following years.



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### HURS

HURS 2019 was organized on 29th of March. The event was well visited and feedback from companies has also been largely positive. 4 speakers were invited, 2 internal and 2 external from Uppsala University and KI. We also had two PhD short talks and 2 more from the winners of the Scientific paper award. The attendance in the lecture halls was unexpectedly high and we are very happy for that.

The company exhibition was attended by 28 companies, highest number than all previous years, including many new ones. The companies gave a very positive feedback. However, in this kind of events it can be hard to engage people to go and talk to the company representatives during breaks so we should always keep that in mind. Having the fika tables in the exhibition rooms is a very good idea and we got a suggestion to remind to participants during every break the importance of having the companies there.

The banquet after HURS was held at Stångs Magasin with 38 participants.

### Discussion:

DOMFIL member asked why HURS got less sponsor money than previous years from Consensus and the institutes (e.g. FUN).

DOMFIL board reply: To reduce the budget surplus from the year before, DOMFIL did not apply for as much money from institutions (e.g. IKE or Consensus) as before. If future need arises, applying for sponsor money from Consensus should be done later than previously (in a period where less organizations applies), which would increase the chance for receiving sponsor money.

DOMFIL member suggestion to reduce the budget surplus: DOMFIL could increase the best paper award prize

### Educational Survey

The Educational survey of this year was sent out in February and further reminders were sent in March, Aprils and May. This resulted in a decent response rate with sixty participants filling out the survey.





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Key points from the survey (attachment 4):

- The courses are receiving acceptable grades from the students with most courses scoring on average between 3 and 4 on a scale of five in all categories.
- The changes implemented by the board of 2017/18 to the bioethics course seems to be appreciated.
- Few PhD students know the learning outcomes of the PhD program. Therefore, it was suggested to link to the national PhD learning outcomes in the question and on DOMFILs webpage.
- There is a shift reported in the bioethics and scientific methodology with an increased focus on health care ethics and qualitative method at the cost of research ethics and quantitative methods. This has been confirmed to be intentional by our representative in FUN. As such these courses are being molded to fit the clinicians at the cost of the pre-clinical PhDs. Pre-clinical PhDs should be offered another alternative.

Discussion:

- Should the courses at Valla or at other Universities be promoted as possible substitutes for PhD students at the medical faculty working with pre-clinical research? The possibility to exchange mandatory courses for other equivalent courses at other universities should be pointed out to newly admitted PhD students.
- Swedish course for PhD students and post docs: IKE pays for one Swedish course that will be run at both campus US as well as at campus Valla.

Suggestion from members to DOMFIL: Work on finding a good teacher (offer a good pay), offer the course later in the evening, shorting the class to 1.5 h and increase the tempo of the course. Possibly replace the course (arranged by FilFak) that is running now or work with them to improve the course according to PhD student's wishes.

#### **§11. Report from representatives**

A meeting of representatives was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May. The most important points raised were:

- Like previous years the number of pre-clinical PhDs admitted at the medical faculty remains low. To remedy the situation the faculty has implemented a PhD program where the faculty



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funds 50 % of the PhDs cost for four positions a year. This will go into effect primarily for the autumn semester and should help to alleviate the situation.

- There is reported intentional shift of the PhD mandatory courses to fit clinicians (See educational report, attachment 4.)
- The representatives have raised the issue that we are lacking supplicants for them and this causes pressure on them since there is no one to replace them if they are absent.

Discussion:

- To make PhD students more aware of the DOMFIL representatives: make flyers and distribute them at departments and possible mailboxes.

#### **§12. Election of DOMFIL Board 2019/2020**

General information about the DOMFIL board and positions on the board were given. The following people were elected to the board 2019/2020.

- Maïke Bensberg was elected as the Chairman of DOMFIL board 2019/2020.
- Sandra Lilja was elected as Educational supervisor of DOMFIL board 2019/2020.
- Sophia Beeck was elected as Treasurer of DOMFIL board 2019/2020.
- Katherine Easingwood, Signe Skog and Damon Frampton were elected as board members of DOMFIL board 2019/2020.

Karin Wåhlén, Elizabeth Paul and Maite Casado volunteers to form an organizing committee for HURS. The committee's specific responsibilities and structure will be determined by the DOMFIL board internally.

#### **§13. Operational plan 2019/2020**

The operational plan (attachment 2) was discussed and the major points are summarized below.

##### Recruitment of new members

To recruit new members to DOMFIL should be continued by being present during introductions for newly appointed PhD students and handing out "goodie-bags" with information about DOMFIL and merchandise.

Member suggestion: Put flyers in postboxes



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#### Collaboration with student unions and LiUPhD

The student unions have been more interested and involved in topics concerning PhD students at LiU. The collaboration with these unions and LiUPhD (LUST-DK) should be continued to work on topics such as Doktorandombud and share points.

#### Discussion:

- Doktorandombudsman: First have a one year trial (on 50%). If this gets good responses, have the same person employed more permanently.
- Swedish course: IKE are running one course, DOMFIL wants to take over the responsibility for this one.

#### Educational surveillance

As in previous years, the educational surveillance of mandatory PhD courses should be continued.

#### HURS

HURS has to be organized since it is DOMFILs main income.

#### Other events

Other events that have to be arranged are Section meetings and representative meetings.

Events that could be arranged are Kick-off, Nobel Prize Party, Afterworks, seminars, summer barbecue and Project X.

- The operational plan for the board 2019/20 with adjustments was approved by the section.

#### **§14. Budget 2018/19 and proposed budget 2019/20**

The treasurer went through the budget 2018/19 as well as the proposed budget 2019/20 (attachment 3). Due to a huge surplus from HURS, there is enough money to organize a special event in the form of a weekend visit to Gothenburg and Lidseberg. The starting balance will be around 100 000 SEK.

Suggestion from members to the budget 2018/2019:

- Get more people participating in Project X

Suggestion from members to the budget 2019/2020:





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- add/increase the budget for special events (to 50 000 SEK), seminars, travel grants, compensation for representatives, buy more doctoral hats and rent storage
- The budget 2019/2020 should be negative next year

Liam Ward – responsible spending:

- There is at the moment too much DOMFIL money paying for social-related activities, this should be balanced with other spending's that will benefit the section – i.e. renting storage, new hats, organizing seminars, etc.. The efforts of the 2018/19 board have worked towards this goal and should be continued.

Riccardo Barchiesi – Budget for external HURS organizers:

- Add 10 000 SEK in the budget for HURS organizers

The sections voted for the preliminary budget with adjustments for 2019/2020.

**§15. Questions and motions**

None

**§16. Closing of the meeting**

The meeting was closed at 19:26 by Olof Rundquist.

Olof Rundquist, Meeting chairman

Lovisa Örkenby, Meeting secretary

Magnus Ziegler, Attestant

Liam Ward, Attestant