

Biologiska doktorandrådet (BDR)

2017-01-16

Protocol

Present:

Anna Drews (MEMEG), and Caroline Björnerås (AE).

1. Start of the meeting

9:10

2. Choosing secretary

Chair of meeting: Anna Drews

Secretary: Caroline Björnerås

Minutes approving person: -

3. Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved without any major modifications.

4. Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

5. Announcements

Anna brought up that FUN has difficulties finding PhD student representatives. At the moment all three representatives are from the same research group and there are no deputies. One reason why it is difficult to engage PhD students as representatives in the various boards and committees at the department is that most meetings are held in Swedish.

BDR will through the updated PhD student guide and by talking to new PhD students inform about the vacant representative positions. PhD student representatives for the upcoming academic year 2017/2018 will be elected at the NDR election meeting later this spring.

6. Guide for PhD students

The Guide for PhD students is almost completely updated – Anna and Caroline will complete the missing parts.

7. Guest speaker spring 2017

The invited guest speakers this spring (March 30) are Rosemary and Peter Grant. Linus has arranged flight tickets and accommodation for them. BDR will start planning for their arrival at the next meeting.

8. Permanent reminders

- a. January - call for nominations of autumn guest lecturer
- b. Early spring - check with current PhD-representatives in the various organs if they want to keep their positions, and if not call for new representatives and nominate these for election through NDR. Elections take place in April/May with a change-over in positions in July.
- c. After NDR elections – update lathunden with information for all new PhD students and the information for new foreign PhD students.
- d. January and September – after scheduling the coming semester's meetings, invite the prefect and the vice prefect to join one of the meetings.*

* BDR suggests that the prefect and vice prefect should be invited to attend one of the last three meetings this spring.

9. Other issues

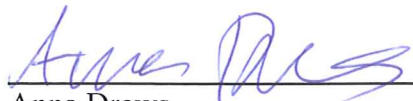
The course 'Graduate studies in biology: the science and its philosophy', where BDR usually gives a short presentation of the student unions at the university, is beginning next month. BDR will discuss the content of the presentation, and whether or not BDR should arrange a social event during on of the course evenings at the next meeting.

10. Next meetings – During 2017

The spring meeting dates are 8/2, 14/3, 18/4, 17/5 and 7/6 at 9:00.

11. Meeting closed

09:35



Anna Drews
Chair of meeting



Caroline Björnerås
Secretary