



Minutes

Date

2025-09-12

Biology doctoral student council BDR

BDR meeting 2025-09-12

Present council members

Rae Engert, Vivian Schmitt, Ruben Cousins Westerberg, Lila Maladesky

1 Choosing chair, secretary and minutes approving person

Chair: Lila Maladesky

Secretary: Rae Engert

Minutes verifier: Ruben Cousins Westerberg

Other attendees: Vivian Schmitt

2 Minutes from the last meeting

- Follow up about conference reflection:
Rae brought this up at the PhD education quality dialog meeting but they said it was non-negotiable. Some people's IR require the reflection and some don't. They suggested that PhD students can get credits for supervising masters/bachelor students.
- Follow up about course credits:
Rae at quality meeting, Vivian at FUN meeting. We suggested that it should be easier to find external courses (especially within Sweden). Literature courses are a good option for getting credits.

3 Announcements

New announcements from different boards:

FUN

At the last FUN meeting, they talked about documenting when PhD students supervise bachelors and masters students in the ISP, and the IR should take some responsibility to notice if it seems like too much. It would help if PhD students get extension for supervision.

Evo. Eco. & Inf. Bio

PhD students are planning a writing retreat, funded by the division.

4 Autumn PhD student event

- Possibly October 22 at 17:00
- To do:
 - Ask Klas Flärdh about funding - Vivian
 - Tell Inger to put on the info screen - Rae
 - Send out email/registration form (deadline 2 days before) - Rae
 - Make poster – Vivian
 - Place pizza order 1 day before? - Rae
 - Pub quiz/activities - Ruben
 - Slideshow, Important information, recruiting for BDR – Rae
- Name: the autumn PhD pizza party!

5 Updating the Biology PhD Student Guide

- Vivian can bring it up at the next FUN meeting
- Ask “What would people have found helpful to know when they started the PhD?” in the next PhD survey

6 Set up meeting with the head of department/directors of studies

Not needed

7 Guest lecturer 2026

We will discuss this next time

8 Permanent reminders

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.

9 Next meeting

TBD, we will meet every 2-3 months

10 Meeting closed

Secretary

Rae Engert

Minutes approving person

Ruben Cousins Westerberg

Chair of meeting

Lila Maladesky