

Minutes for the board meeting

Date: Tuesday, 5th of September 2023

Time: 18:00 – 21:00

Location: **Biomedicum, A0412** and **Zoom**

Acronyms: DSA: The Doctoral Students' Association, MF: Medicinska Föreningen, DO: Doctoral ombudsperson, FuM: MF Council (Fullmäktige), KI: Karolinska Institutet, KF: Committee for Research, KFU: Committee for Doctoral Education, KPK: Course and Programme Committee, CSTP: Clinical Scientist Training Program, SFS: Sweden's United Student Unions, SFS-DK: SFS doctoral committee, SSCO: Stockholm Student Union's Central Organization, AGM: Annual General Meeting

Board: Manouk Verhoeven; Fredrika Hellgren; Niels Krämer, Sviatlana Sukhanava, Ioanna Tsea; Luca Love, Osheen Sharma, Jelena Mistic, Axel Winroth

Present: Manouk Verhoeven; Fredrika Hellgren; Niels Krämer, Sviatlana Sukhanava, Ioanna Tsea; Luca Love, Osheen Sharma (via Zoom), Jelena Mistic, Axel Winroth

Absent board members: -

Others in person: Daniël Söderberg, Adina Feldman (CoARA), Laura Covill

Others via Zoom: Vladimir Pabón-Martínez, Madeleine Lehander, Marlene Ek, Leonie Seidel

Formalia

- F1 Opening of meeting: **18:01**
- F2 Proper proclamation of the meeting: **Yes**
- F3 Appointment of person to preside the meeting: **Manouk Verhoeven**
- F4 Appointment of person to write the minutes: **Niels Krämer**
- F5 Appointment of person to sign the minutes: **Ioanna Tsea**
- F6 Reported absences: **There are no reported absences.**
- F7 Previous protocols: **The minutes of the June board meeting have not been signed yet.**
- F8 Approval of the current agenda: **The Mental Health Survey will be added to the Information points**
- F9 Verbalization of the decisions per capsulam: **The AGM of the DSA will be held on the 11th of November**

Reports from Student Representatives and others

R1 Ombudsperson

The ombudspersoner are not here at the moment.

R2 KI careers

Vladimir promotes the current activities of KI careers, he specifically mentions the wellbeing workshops that are being organized. More information can be found [here](#).

R3 DSA Chairperson

Manouk explains shortly how she experienced the situation leading up to the resignation of Linnéa. The board decides that this will be discussed in a separate meeting.

R4 DSA Workgroups

a. Doctoral Education (Luca)

Luca reports that the workgroup has implemented some updates for the PhD Booklet. They are now busy checking in on the implementation of RIMS. The workgroup has collaborated a lot with Vladimir for the joint events with KI Careers. The workgroup has reached out to the local research schools to give an introduction (of about 15 minutes) about DSA, but so far only one has responded.

b. Student Representation (Osheen)

Osheen has mostly been working on the preparation of the elections. The nomination committee has now been formed. Osheen currently works on the list with all the electable positions and a description of said positions.

c. Social Events (Niels)

Niels has taken over the responsibility of the Social Events workgroup after the resignation of Linnea. The social events that were organized during the summer were mostly badly attended. The hangouts were cancelled as a result. For the autumn the workgroup will come together next week to draft a plan with activities. It will be a mix of after works, hikes, ice-skating and a second museum trip.

d. PR (Ioanna)

Ioanna reports she has been working hard with the preparations for the elections. She has regular contact with Osheen. At the same time she is trying to find a solution to the issue with PhD students not being added to mailing lists until after they have done their introduction course. Hopefully this will be solved before the elections start.

The collaboration with KI careers for the blogging is going well. Ioanna will have a meeting with them to discuss the strategy for 2024. Hopefully there will be some more bloggers.

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Lara Sweetapple has reached out to Ioanna and might be joining for talks at introduction days.

e. Welfare and Health (Jelena)

Jelena has been working on the analysis of the mental health survey. She has some plots to show, but so far there are no major differences between this year and last year.

R5 PhD Conference

There is nothing to report from the PhD Conference.

R6 The Senate (Konsistoriet)

There is nothing to report from Konsistoriet.

R7 Faculty Board (Fakultetsnämnden)

Daniel reports that the faculty board has not had a formal meeting yet, just a start up session. They discussed CoARA and KI's surplus and ways to spend this. Suggestions on how to spend this extra money are welcome. Fredrika mentions that she touched base with Lovisa Hagenfeldt (MF chair and Elin Törnqvist (MF vice chair) about this. MF central has also been in discussions with KI regarding this money. DSA will be updated in due time regarding how sections can propose projects and ideas.

R8 Committee for Doctoral Education (KFU)

KFU had a meeting yesterday where they discussed the formal requirements of the thesis. Things that were discussed were 1) the regulation of contents in the thesis and 2) the requirement for a first author publication. Nearly everyone agreed that the current setup is good. There are some problems, but those are mostly for the extremities. KFU is thinking about including the requirement for a first-author publication. It is likely that this will come and it will be quite the change.

KFU also discussed the launch of RIMS. KI is currently deciding what will be public information (KI website) and what will be for internal use only (RIMS). If people have input they can reach out to Luca. The representatives that were in KFU when this started are still there and are on top if this. Information on ki.se will be migrated to RIMS in a couple of days. This means that people will not be able to update their information on the website for a certain period of time.

KFU also discussed the 4-year research proposition for the government. This included how research education should be implemented and the issue with clinical PhD students that have to resign from KI in order to work in the clinic. Madeleine proposed that this should be addressed in the proposition and KFU agreed.

Finally, KFU decided that starting April, PhD students have to submit a reflection on the learning outcomes when they defend. This should be filled in by both the student and the supervisor. This reflection will not be part of the thesis proper though.

R9 Committee for Research (KF)

There is currently no doctoral student representative on KF.

R10 Medicinska Föreningen (MF) and Fullmäktige (FuM)

There has been an extra FuM meeting about Solvik (MF's outdoor house in the archipelago). Solvik needed to be renovated for a long time, and during the summer the roof broke and it rained into the sleeping quarter. FuM decided to pass a budget to finance the necessary repairs.

R11 Other boards, and committees

There is nothing to report from other boards and committees.

Information and discussion points

I1 CoARA

Presenter: Luca Love and Adina Feldman (scientific coordinator CoARA)

During the last KFU meeting (2023-05-23) there was a discussion on whether KI will sign up to the Coalition for the Advancement of Research Assessment (CoARA) agreement. This is a coalition of institutions that have signed the Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment launched by the European commission. <https://coara.eu/>

Adina presents what CoARA is and what changes signing up would entail and would like to get the input from DSA. The presentation has been added as an attachment to these minutes.

18:01 Manouk Verhoeven leaves

18:01 Fredrika Hellgren now chairs the meeting

Both KF and KFU have been positive towards CoARA, this is as formal as it will get until the rector makes a final decision. CoARA will be discussed next meeting of the faculty board. The current opinion of the faculty board was that it is still too unclear what signing up would entail. All the Swedish major funders have already signed, but they also still use a lot of quantitative metrics and think they already comply with CoARA. It is discussed that the only real commitment is the progress reports. Progress reports might make the issues regarding research assessment metrics more visible, and also promote open science. CoARA could work as a platform for discussion.

The rector is the one to make the final decision about joining CoARA. There will be discussion on the next Faculty Board meeting. The rector probably won't make a decision that goes against the Faculty Board's recommendation.

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The consensus of the meeting is that KI should move more into open science. Given that DSA does not have all the information about potential consequences, it will be left at that. Daniel will update DSA about the results of the Faculty Board discussion at the next board meeting.

19:16: Adina Feldman leaves

Break 19:17 – 19:27

I2 **DSA regulations**

Presenter: Fredrika Hellgren

During the summer Luca, Fredrika and Niels finalized the changes in the DSA regulations. These should be voted on (**D1**) so they can be approved during the next FuM meeting.

Fredrika gives a quick recap of the changes to the DSA regulations.

There is a discussion about the voting in of new board members during the AGM, specifically when there is a split vote between two candidates. The board decides that the article should state the following: When there are more than two (2) candidates for a position, two (2) candidates will be elected by plurality vote. Of these two (2) candidates one will be voted in based on a majority (50% + 1). In case of a split vote, a revote is needed. If the revote also results in a split vote, the election will be decided by random selection.

In article 10.3 **at least** will be added.

In section 12 the voting procedure for other elected positions should be adjusted according to the voting procedure for board members.

19:42 Marlene Ek leaves

The DSA regulations will be voted on later.

I3 **Finances Summer Party**

Presenter: Sviatlana Sukhanava

Sviatlana reports on the finances of the Summer Party. DSA and KIPA made a profit of 48,000 SEK. After KIPA's expenses there is 38,000 SEK left. This will be used for the Christmas party and a thank you event for the volunteers.

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The board quickly discusses improvements for the next party with regards to the finances. The last-minute purchases for the party can be avoided next time by ordering based on the previous two parties. In terms of ticket sales for this party, the tiering with the tickets worked good. DSA could spend ~20,000 SEK for entertainment based on these profits.

I4 **Christmas Party**

Presenter: Niels Krämer

This December DSA wants to organize a Christmas party together with KIPA. The preparations will start up now. The party is scheduled for Friday the 8th of December as that is the only moment the aula is available.

Decision points

O1 **DSA regulations, see DSA regulations**

Presenter: Fredrika Hellgren

The DSA regulations with the three adjusted changes are **voted in with no against votes.**

D2 **DSA pubquiz, see budget proposal Pubquiz**

Presenter: Niels Krämer

The DSA wants to organize a pubquiz in October and to do so we would need a budget for some prizes/snacks. This would be 450 SEK. In contrast to the proposal, the pubquiz will be hosted together with KIPA at BarMedicum.

The board **votes in the budget proposal with no against votes.**

Open discussion

O1 **DSA email addresses**

There are still some issues with the DSA email addresses being classified as external at KI. This will be discussed during the next board meeting.

O2 **Board members continuing next year**

There are currently four board members who consider running in the elections for next year.

O3 **Resignation**

The board still has some questions regarding the resignation of Linnéa. As such, there will be a separate informal board meeting about this issue next week.

End of meeting: 20:05

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