**PhD Council Meeting**

14 April 2023, Eckhoffs hjørne

**Present:** Tomas Tobiassen, Sandra Pedersen, Trygve Losnedahl, Maja Vestad, Daksha Sriragulan, Pernille Sandberg Drtina. Absent: Naureen Rahim on research stay

1. Agenda and minutes approved.
2. Orientation from PFF (Maja), see case below about giving reasons (begrunnelser) when extending the PhD period.
	1. There is a growing discussion about external phd-candidates, i.e. applications from externally funded candidates to be included in the phd-program. There is limited knowledge at the faculty about the resource-usage on phds, and if and how such an increase may affect resource allocation at the faculty. The PhD-council is generally positive to external candidates, but it should not compromise the hiring of “internal” phd-candidates, especially when the faculty for a long time has employed fewer phd-canddiates than budgetet.
	2. PFF does not want to give reasons for decisions on applications for extensions.
		1. Concluded that council prefer that reasons are given, but that won’t prioritize to fight for it, amongt others because the practice of PFF on the matter is generally good from the phds perspective.
	3. JUR9010 method and ethics – PFF has accepted that phds can take method courses in sociology instead of JUR9010 when their research methods are others than legal dogmatics.
3. Midway assessment – discussion of experiences (Pernille and Trygve will develop some written material after the meeting)
	1. Trygve and Pernille presented some main points of the draft before the council discussed these.
	2. In addition to already proposed revisions, the draft should clarify the agenda for the “closed meeting”.
	3. Dead-line for Pernille and Trygve to circulate on 17th of May, then one week before the final draft must be sent til PFF.
	4. Maja to inform PFF that we will present suggestions to revised guidelines at PFF meetingin June.
4. Update to PhDs?
	1. Agreed that we start with sending updates on our work to PhDs, including:
		1. Mentor-ordning
		2. Approval procedure of JUR9503 - Internasjonale seminarer i rettsvitenskap (5sp).
		3. JUR9010, see above
		4. “Suppleringsvalg”
5. Social activities (Naureen/Tomas)
	1. Summer party. Probable date is 22nd June. Trygve will try to book Professorboligen.
	2. Shut-up-and-write 19th May. Tomas to arrange.
6. PhD Council dinner (Tomas)
	1. Tomas to follow up
7. Misc.
	1. Daksha informed that LiMU will arrange a combined academic and social lunch for foreign academic staff in August/September.
	2. Daksha will need a stand-in for LiMU and Valgstyret from August (maybe before). Decided that it will be handled on e-mail/in the next meeting.
	3. Shut up and write – application to Lovsamlingsfondet. Tomas to revise last years application.
	4. Suppleringsvalg – decided that we will ask by e-mail for one or two additional candidates to the phd council because of expected long-term absence among current phd-council members.

Minutes submitted by: Trygve Losnedahl