

Minutes of meeting, The PhD Council ('Stipendiatrådet'), 15 January 2016

Present: Daniel Arnesson, Henriette N. Tøssebro, Johannes Hygen Meyer, Natalia Torres Zuniga

Constitutive meeting

The PhD Council decides to allocate positions and tasks for 2016 as follows:

- **Daniel Arnesson:** Leader of the Council
- **Henriette N. Tøssebro:** Member of the Faculty Board
- **Olaf Halvorsen Rønning:** Member of the PFF (Programråd for forskerutdanning) – Council for Research Education, secretary
- **Johannes Hygen Meyer:** Member of LiMU (Likestillings- og mangfoldsutvalget) – Equality and Diversity Committee, Member of IVA (Innstillingsrådet for vitenskapelig tilsatte) – Employment Council for Academic Positions, (administrator of webpage and mailing list); & Webmaster
- **Natalia Torres Zuniga:** Finances
- **Ludovica Chiussi:** Social Arrangements

Information from representation at Faculty bodies

None of the Faculty bodies where the PhD Council is represented has so far had initial meetings. They will be held as follows:

- **Faculty Board:** Constitutive meeting on 18 January
- **IVA:** 20 January
- **PFF:** 27 January
- **LiMU:** 8 February

Decisions

The PhD Council decides to:

1. explore potential professional themes, with invitation of suggestions from other PhD candidates, for the organization of the General Meeting by the end of this semester. Deadline for applying for funds with Lovsamlingsfondet is at noon on 23 February, 2016.
2. in light of the ARK survey, that social and professional integration among PhD candidates and with work colleagues should be of high priority for the present working year.
3. explore possibilities, including identifying pros and cons, for arranging lasting institutional structures, such as setting up a PhD Council specific bank account and establish a project code under the Faculty, for the purpose of promoting an easily managed organization without jeopardizing our independence and flexibility.
4. update the PhD Council statute and translate it to English.
5. hold the next PhD Council meeting on 17 February, 2016.