

Conference room 55:311, Högskolan i Gävle
Time: 12:30-15:00

Attendees: Jonas Preisz, chair
Camilla Lodin, secretary
Gottfried Weinberger, cashier
Shahriar Ghahremanian, vice chair
Absent: Paula Larsson
Javier Ferrer Coll

Jonas P, chair of the meeting called to order

§37. Approval of minutes

Board decision:

The chair and Shahriar shall approve the minutes of the present meeting

§38. Minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

§39. Communication and web-page

- The mailing list “Doktorander” at HiG e-mail is continuously being updated with new doctorands.
- The DiG web page have been updated with documents in English from the Human Resources department.
- Structure of the Dig web page:
The web page needs to be reorganized to be easier to navigate and with some new information.
 - o New text describing what DiG is our aim(s), goal(s) and vision. In Swedish and English.
 - o New structure for documents.
 - o Files for English dokument
 - o List of board members under “contact”
 - o Possibility to submit news/announcements
 - o Provide reading tips (e.g. “How to get a PhD)
 - o DiGs Logotype
- Board decision:
 - Jonas writes a draft for the text, Camilla translates it into English
 - Camilla makes a suggestion to a new structure, and make the changes together with Lena Åminne.

§40. Forming a Student Union

Jonas has had a meeting with Björn Karlsson at UFK. Björn suggested that DiG becomes a Student Union (kår) instead of an association. Benefits with being a SU is that DiG will have a natural connection with HiG. DiG will be able to appoint doctorand representatives in e.g. FUN and UFN. It will most likely be easier to get “time” or funding for board work. There is a document at HiG describing how to start a Student Union.

There are two option if DiG decides to form a SU.

1. Form an independent SU for doctorands
2. Be incorporated with Gefle SU.

Board decision:

- Jonas finds out more about benefits/disadvantages with becoming a SU.
- Jonas invites Erik (chair of Gefle SU) to our next board meeting.

§41. Economic considerations

Gottfried has new information on how to apply for money from the vice Chancellor. An application should contain what DiG wants to do with the money. It is important to put forward that Dig is working to improve the study environment and professionalism for its members, e.g. joint seminars, joint discussions on how to connect HiGs two profiles, study trips, education in meeting technic for board members, course evaluation of HiG doctoral courses, joint pre-disputation seminars, guest lectures. It can also contain some social activities.

Board decision:

Gottfried writes an application draft. The discussion will continue on next board meeting. Sum to be applied for was suggested to be 10-30 tkr.

The application should be submitted in January – February 2013.

§42. Course Evaluation (PhD-courses at HiG)

DiG can work to improve PhD-courses at HiG by actively be involved in course evaluation. One suggestion is that two PhD-students in each course take part in the evaluation process. This will benefit both the course and the PhD-students will get useful skills future teaching assignments.

Board decision: Shahriar contacts Helena Johansson at UFK who is responsible for the quality at HiG to find out how evaluation is done, and what DiG can assist.

§43. Social activities

DiG has had one DiG-lunch at Teknikparken, and it was appreciated by its attendees. DiG lunches during spring shall preferably be structured as “one a month, e.g. the first Wednesday each month”, and be announced at the web page.

Board decision: Jonas invites to DiG lunch December 12.

Shariar and Javier arrange two ski-trips during the winter: One to Kungsberget (down-hill) and one to Hemlingby (cross-contry). At own expenses.

§44. Meeting times spring 2013

It was suggested to have four board meetings during the spring since DiG needs to work to get more members and with the ideas put forward today by Gottfried regarding how to build a good study environment for the members.

Board decision:

To have four meetings during spring 2013: January, February, April, May.

Jonas sends out a “doodle” with suggested meeting times.

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Jonas Preizs, chair

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Shahriar Ghahremanian