Department of Molecular Biosciences,
The Wenner-Gren Institute

Protocol for PhD Board meeting – 16 sept 2025, F504, 12:00-13:00

Attendees: Max Louski, Emma Block, Isabella Badolati, Akshit Jain, Ylva Alina Veith, Thomas Mazza, Miren Urrutia Iturritza.

1. PhD Board Bylaws document

- Board Bylaws document: new version is done, everyone should approve, let's show it at the next council meeting. Ylva will present it (from zoom) and printed copies will be handed out.

2. Next PhD Council Meeting

- Tuesday lunch for the next phd council at 12:30, will decide one a date in the Phd board WhatsApp group chat with a poll. 7th October is the first choice.
- Will plan both councils for the HT semester, one beginning of October one beginning of December. Book room F504 well in advance.
- Start council by welcoming new students and saying who we are.
- Invite people via email + link to WhatsApp + WhatsApp message.
- Councils: open a zoom link so that people can join from anywhere
- Remember to invite Jessica for the first council meeting to present the Pedagogics course
- Programme for the council: Bylaws update to show, mental health workshop, MOSS dates announcement, Pedagogics course by Jessica, Mention elections coming soon and positions, mention extension policy

3. Mental health workshop

- 11th November, Kristina Jonas meeting with Max: will present the survey but also implement new things
- Add a new question to the ISP and remind that the supervisor should leave the room? The admin was not super enthusiastic about changing the ISP update form, resistance in the GLK meeting, a few PI were brushing off the issue
- Workshop invited Eva X (Lund uni) who studies mental health Phd students' stress
- Aim is to open the discussion about stress and burnout, managing your stress
- Post Docs and PIs will also be invited
- Coaching in science initiative come after the first speaker (but is it expensive?) lets contact them, Miren will_
- We will ask money from SUS for fika and gift for speaker (Ylva will do ii)
- Lets try to advertise the workshop more, last time we had very little people. Poster + emails + talk around you about it. Emma makes posters

4. MOSS calendar

- MOSS calendar to be organised for 2026, Emma will do it. How to dop it ? (1) ask Alexander list of people need to do the moss, (2) plan one each month on Thursdays, avoid TOPICs or other seminars, book 1h, can be two people on the same Thursday if need be (30min each) (3) send provisional calendar to Rumi (info.big) for Vivitak booking in advance, can also use P216 (4) when booking is ok send provisional calendar to the people that should give the talks and confirm or not,

move it depending on availability THIS NEEDS TO BE PRESENTED DURING THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING in October.

5. New PhD students

- Welcome Fika for new Phd students joining in HT25: end of November when they are all here , will plan it later.

6. PhD Board Elections coming soon

- Emma will take chair and Sylvia vice chair if no one else wants it

7. Prolongations

- Remember to apply for prolongations at the end of this year!! Should do it once a year, positions in the board (council meetings count but not board meetings, lokalgruppen and other official positions also count)..
- Have to apply for it during your phd. But you then also push your defence time. ? Unclear about rules, check it or ask Alexander, Emma will check for a powerpoint she used to have and upload it on the drive. Example: Isabella will defend within her normal contract but still gets extension, new contract is signed during the last 6 months of your normal contract.

8. PhD student who changed groups

- PhD student who changed from Bryant to Jonas groups: now fill in Jonas, small project on bioinformatics + learning techniques … he feel like he was pushed to quit by PIs and admin, they gave him only 3 years no extension to finish his PhD, which is a very short time to restart a project and he is stressed. He decided to not report his former PI even

though he has written proof of harassment. Will follow the situation in the Bryant group as he got a new PhD student.

9. MBW merch idea
   - Idea of having a hoodie with a MBW design? Will mention it during the council to see if people would like that, we would need enough orders for it to work.
   - Ylva mentioned an old logo for MBW with all model organisms used in the department, she will send it to the Board.

T- **Meeting closure**