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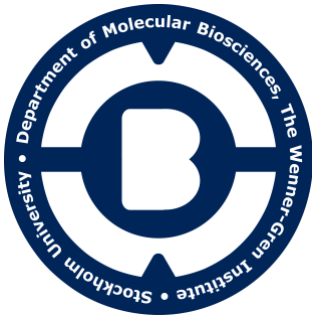
Protocol for PhD Board meeting – scheduled 2021-09-09, 19:00-20:00, Zoom; participants: Kanwal Tariq, Franziska Hildebrandt, Simon Prokisch (Secretary), Tanvi Somiah, Laveena Kansara, Thomas Grochalski

1. Discussion about the migrationsverket's interpretation of the new permanent residency laws

- Figuring out the next steps to keep the students informed about the above.
- How to get involved? Possible channels to help raise our concerns
- How to support the national doctoral councils and unions working for the cause?
 - Getting in touch with Neus Visa because she could convey this issue to higher positions, address this problem to the administration of the University that they can take some actions
 - Suggestions of ways they could react to these issues
 - Like KI and KTH – what are they doing exactly
 - Writing to students that might have problems now
 - How many PhD students are affected?
 - Go personally to people and ask them
 - Spread this problem among the students
 - Getting more people to sign the petition
 - Inform other boards

2. Teaching document for course organizers and new PhD students and teaching in general

- One of these documents for each course, who is responsible, where to find what, especially important for new students
- Better and more efficient organization
- Main reason: it gives students the possibility to find people that they can contact besides the course organizer
- Establishing of a better communication with BIG in general to avoid issues and problems
- Who to contact if something is missing?
- Where could things be ordered? Providing links of companies
- Security introduction should be given to students that attend lab courses, e.g.: in case of pregnancy people should know what to do
- Also: better communication in case students have medical problems or other diseases (psychological problems): problems about privacy
- Maybe: a security introduction for PhD students to know how to handle problems that can occur in the lab: lab safety manuals
- Another solution: a responsible person that could be contacted in such a situation



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3. Date for next council meeting?

- Two council meetings need to be organized
- One in the beginning of October
- The other one in November
- Next meeting in person (Board meeting, maybe council meeting as well)
- Board meeting: September, approximately three weeks before next council meeting