

Department of Molecular Biosciences, The Wenner-Gren Institute

Agenda for PhD Council meeting – scheduled 2022-06-10, 17:30 – 18:00, E306 and Zoom

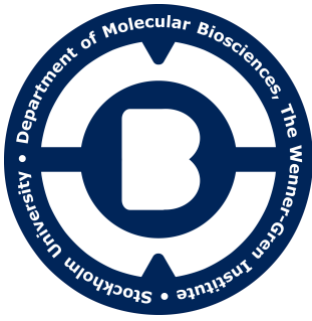
1. New initiatives from the PhD Board

- **Welcome protocol for new PhD students**
- **New proposals to HR**
- **Visa extensions for non-EU PhD students**
- **Surveys incoming**

Updates information was shared with the students

2. PhD education

- **Topics in Molecular Biology course discussion with Antonio**
 - Antonio mentioned about the attendance issues to TMB seminars. He explains the actions taken about session time changed by PIs at short notice on three separate occasions. There is a good understanding among faculty that such changes should not be made on short notices since the schedule is given out far in advance. They can however switch with another PI in advance if they can't conduct the seminar on the scheduled time.
 - This is important because PhD students also have to schedule their experiments and other obligations around these scheduled and such changes can prevent several students to attend the seminars.
 - Antonio has also reminded the PIs to send out the papers in time – as the last date to send out papers is already mentioned in the list. He also emphasizes the need for communication, and encourages PhD students to let him know if they face any issues related to TMB.
 - He also informs that some broad molecular biology education for the PhD program is necessitated by the central university boards.
 - Course evaluations were also discussed. One suggestion was to also have PIs ask for oral feedback. Written feedbacks can also be taken into account.
 - Attendance at seminars in general was also brought up. Some students recommended adding hybrid options to allow more people to attend. Antonio mentioned that teachers are officially not required to add virtual options; however, PIs can make it available if they want to for TMB session.
- **Digital ISP, an update**
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- Antonio informed that dISP forum is not connected to Ladok and it would need to be registered twice if used now. Hence, no other departments have started using it so far.
- He also explains that our department is doing well in preparing for dISPs and students and PIs will be updated about it in due time.

- **New courses proposals for the Bioresearch School**

3. Discussion about teaching duties allocation with Stefan

- Stefan explains that he allocates the course also based on time left, so some of the students might take a course in another semester than usual. Irene asks if there is a possibility to announce an open teaching position and that PhD students can discuss with Stefan if they're interested in teaching that course. Stefan mentions he is open for discussion but the time commitment will also have to be taken into account.
- Stefan also encourages students to come with suggestions if they want to change some teaching duties, so it is easier to make these changes.

4. Updates from representatives

5. Announcement: new Film Club

Sergey will organize these film clubs

6. Additional questions

7. Meeting closure