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Protocol for PhD Council meeting – scheduled 2024-04-28, 12:30-13:30, F504

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1. Information about introduction to teaching biology course

The course "introduction to teaching biology" was presented by Jessica Davidson to make it known and to spread information among the PhD students. The course was taken by only 10 people who were impressed by it and felt better prepared to teach. It is a three-credit course that runs over 3 weeks normally in November. Maybe it could be included in the PhD guide as a recommendation.

2. MBW travel grant, donation scholarships, and other travel grants

How about using the MBW travel grant for different conferences? It could be good to split it. Maybe there is way to make it more transparent. How are decisions taken and by whom?

3. MBW pub situation

The pub would need more people. The pub was advertised.



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4. PhD BBQ

The SLAM competition was not organized due to too little interests. Maybe an BBQ could be organized to use the grant from SUS. It needed to be before June 12th. Maybe a SLAM competition could be organized in fall, or combined with an MBW pub.

5. MBW summer party

Luckily there are enough volunteers to organize different games that were planned by the PhD Board in advance.

6. Additional questions

Ideas for potential Vice-Head of Department were given. Teaching is still a huge problem. There could be a teaching certificate for post-Docs as well to encourage them to teach.

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