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Minutes- Future Faculty (FF) meeting 24th of October 2018 15.00

Location: NUS, Blg 6M, conference room Tallen

Meeting participants:

Ronnie Berntsson
Daniel Marcellino
Sofie Degerman
Mattias Forsell
Anna Södergren

Anna Rieckman- absent

Minutes recorded by Sofie Degerman.

Agenda

1. Opening of meeting

Ronnie Berntsson opened the meeting.

2. Determining the Agenda

The agenda was send out one week before the meeting and all participants agreed on the agenda. Three additional points was added to the agenda.

3. New members at the Future Faculty.

Anna Södergren was welcomed as a new FF member by the FF steering committee. Anna Södergren is a physician at the Department of Public Health and Clinical Medicine and affiliated researcher at the Wallenberg Centre for Molecular Medicine at Umeå University. Intissar Anan could not make it to the meeting today, but will try to come next meeting instead.

4. Update from FON.

Ronnie Berntsson informed about the last FON meeting. The strategic grants and infrastructure grants outcome were discussed. There will be an Open research day December 6 with focus on external research grants. Ronnie Berntsson will present FF at this event. FON has discussed potential grants to support of young researchers, and FF are willing to support the definition of who should be eligible to apply.

5. Discussion strategic grants.

The outcome for this year Strategic grants was discussed, and in its current form, few young researchers get these grants. Most young researchers are excluded from these grants since non-tenured researchers and WCMM/WAF-researchers are not eligible to apply. We decided to work on a FF proposal for future strategic grants.

6. Grant writing workshop update

The Grants office-FF VR grant workshop event is now announced and Anna Rieckmann has done most of the planning. Anna Rieckmann and Ronnie Berntsson will meet grants office to set the last details on Friday 26/10.



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7. National Junior Faculty update

Ronnie Berntsson reported from the National Junior Conference that took place in Lund last month. A successful mentorship program for PostDoc's in SLU in Lund was presented at the conference, and this might be of interest to implement at the Medical Faculty at Umeå University as well. The naming convention for research positions of non-tenured researchers was discussed at the meeting. There is a need for Swedish Universities to synchronize the name of research positions (i.e. Forskare, 1:e Fo ing, etc..). Ronnie will forward this need to the Faculty Board.

8. Update from RUF

Sofie Degerman reported from the last two RUF meetings. RUF are currently discussing introduction of advance preview of all doctoral thesis, a common research school at the Medical Faculty, and a short PhD supervisor course for established group leaders that have not taken the UPC supervision courses. Decisions will be made in December.

9. Update bylaws / mission statement / goals

The bylaws and mission statements will be posted on the web page.

10. Future Faculty Kick-off

This point will be discussed in the next FF meeting.

11. FF Website/email address

The FF email address (future.faculty.medfak@umu.se) and the FF website (<https://www.aurora.umu.se/en/units/faculty-of-medicine/research/future-faculty/>) is now up running and we will start to add information. The email address is used to register attendance to the GO-FF event in November. We now also have an email-list where we will send out newsletters. Instructions on how to sign up are on our webpage.

12. Additional points and Next meeting

- a. The Swedish Young Academy will visit Umeå 20th of November. The Vice chancellor will attend. Daniel Marcellino will present FF.
- b. Sofie Degerman suggested that we should invite the previous FF chair to learn from their successful events. Ronnie will contact Cedric Patthey and invite him for one of our FF meetings later on.
- c. Next meeting. Ronnie will send out a Doodle for the November meeting.