

## **Minutes from the Annual Meeting 2022 of SWERA's Doctoral Council**

**Date:** October 4, 2022

**Place:** Zoom (University of Gothenburg)

**Present:** 18-21 members, depending on time

### **1. Election of chairman/woman for the meeting**

Elisabeth Berg, University of Gothenburg, was proposed and unanimously elected as chairwoman of the meeting.

### **2. Election of secretary for the meeting**

Marina Karlsson, University of Gothenburg, was proposed and unanimously elected as secretary of the meeting.

### **3. Election of two adjusters who also function as tellers**

Dimitrios Papadopoulos, University of Gothenburg, and Martin Holmgren, Umeå University, were proposed and unanimously elected as adjusters of the meeting, as well as to function as tellers.

### **4. Approval of agenda**

The agenda was unanimously approved.

### **5. Platform for SWERA's Doctoral Council's annual report of 2021/2022 and operational plan for 2022/2023 (see appendix 1)**

#### **a. Presentation**

The annual report of 2021/2022 and the operational plan for 2022/2023 had been sent out before the meeting for everyone to read. During the meeting, Jonas Udd talked about some notable points:

- Aim and direction of the doctoral council's work is to meet the need of PhD-students' social and intellectual networking.
- The Doctoral Council's work is organized through the council's working group and through representation in SWERA's board and in the four councils in SWERA: Forskarutbildningsrådet, Forskningspolitiska rådet, Lärarutbildningsrådet and Tidskriftsrådet. The PhD-students who represent the doctoral student council in these boards are also part of the Doctoral Council's working group.
- The working group has had ten meetings the past year. In between meetings there has also been frequent communication by emails, telephone and messenger.
- A Facebook-group is open to all members and the working group also communicates shares information about conferences, courses and other events by email. Additionally, a list of links of PhD-courses at several universities has been compiled and posted on the website of SWERA. Two events are arranged annually where PhD-students can meet online: a spring seminar and the preconference in the autumn.
- A lot of effort is put on recruiting new members. The spring seminar and the preconference, as well as personal contacts are the best ways to attract newcomers. Students from more universities are especially welcome to join.

**b. Approval**

The annual report of 2021/2022 and the operational plan or 2022/2023 were unanimously approved.

**6. Election of working group 2022/2023**

**a. Presentation of the working group's suggestion**

Members of the working group are elected for one year at a time, with a total of a maximum of 3 years. The previous working group will continue its work throughout the conference. After that, the newly elected working group will start working.

There is currently no Nomination Committee. Hence, the working group has put together the proposals based on a joint process. It was proposed that, in addition to the elected members, the working group can continue to grow during the coming year.

**b. Election of chairman/woman**

Sandra Svensson, University West, was proposed and unanimously elected as new Chairwoman and PhD-representative on SWERA's board.

**c. Election of vice chairman/woman**

Linnéa Rosengren, University of Gothenburg, was proposed and unanimously elected as Vice Chairwoman, a new post.

**d. Election of secretary**

Marina Karlsson, University of Gothenburg, was proposed and unanimously re-elected as secretary.

**e. Election of Communications Manager**

Vacant position. The meeting approved that the position can be filled during the year.

**f. Election of PhD-representative in the Tidskriftsrådet**

Maria Walla, Dalarna University, was unanimously elected as PhD-student representative in Tidskriftsrådet.

**g. Election of PhD-representative in the Forskarutbildningsrådet**

Vacant position. The meeting approved that the position can be filled during the year.

**h. Election of PhD-representative in the Forskningspolitiska rådet**

Therese Friberg, Dalarna University, was unanimously elected as PhD-student representative in Forskningspolitiska rådet.

**i. Election of PhD-representative in the Lärarutbildningsrådet**

Line Isaksson, Karlstad University, was unanimously elected as PhD-student representative in Lärarutbildningsrådet.

**j. Election of additional members of the working group**

Sara Viklund, Umeå University, and Marie Bengtsson, Halmstad University, were unanimously elected as additional members of the working group.

The process of filling vacant posts will proceed after the election. Anyone with an interest, is encouraged to contact any of the members of the working group. In sum, vacant posts are an additional Communications manager, Forskarutbildningsrådet, as well as one or more PhD-students representing the local organizing committee for the SWERA conference 2023. Additional council members with an interest in issues concerning the Doctoral Council's overall work, Tidskrift, Forskningspolitik, Lärarutbildning and Forskarutbildning are welcomed to join during the coming year.

**7. Other issues and ideas**


Nothing else was brought up.


**8. Closing of the annual meeting of SWERA's Doctoral Council 2022**

Elisabeth Berg thanked everyone for having attended the meeting and encouraged anyone interested in participating in the work, to contact the new working group. She then closed the annual meeting.

  
Elisabeth Berg, Chairwoman

  
Marina Karlsson, Secretary

  
Dimitrios Papadopoulos, Adjuster

  
Martin Holmgren, Adjuster

