

# **Protocol of Council's Fall Meeting 2023**

2023-11-28

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Planned Time: 16:15 ~ 18:30 Location: Microsoft Teams

# Attending Council's presidium

⊠Attending /  □Not attending	Name	Description
$\boxtimes$	Andrea Haglund	President of the Council
	Malin Sundmark	Vice president of the Council
$\boxtimes$	Rebecca Pada	Secretary of the Council

### Registered for meeting

	Name	Description
	Abay Kubilay	Member
$\boxtimes$	Lova Linnea Libert	Chairman of the Board
	Naghib Nikan	Member
	Enkhluun Enkhmandakh	Administration Coordinator & Senior Advisor
	Alexia Bernard	Member
	Sebastian Grundell	Board member
	Heidi Ivan	Vice chairman of the Doctoral Student Council
	Jennifer Gothilander	Chairman of the Doctoral Student Council
	Lisa Borglund	Doctoral member
	Ridha Divanian	Member
	Jiranan Khamphai	Head of Education
	Nuru Aidan Silikale	Event manager
$\boxtimes$	Shervin Pirani	Vice chairman of the Board





# 1 Opening of the meeting

Agenda's suggested decision: To open the meeting at 16:15.

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: The start of the meeting was delayed because of snow and traffic.

The council decided:

- To open the meeting at 16:30.

### 2 Determination of voter register

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: All attending, except for Enkhluun Enkhmandakh, were able to vote at the meeting. In total there were 10 votes. At 17:14 Ridha Divanian had to leave - he transferred his vote to Andrea Haglund.

### 3 Election of two adjusters as well as vote counters

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: Enkhluun Enkhmandakh and Lova Linnea Libert volunteered as adjusters and vote counters.

The council decided:

- To elect Enkhluun Enkhmandakh and Lova Linnea Libert as adjusters as well as vote counters.

### 4 Election of chairman of the meeting

Agenda's suggested decision: To elect Andrea Haglund as chairman of the meeting.

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: None.

The council decided:

To elect Andrea Haglund as chairman of the meeting.

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# 5 Election of secretary of the meeting

Agenda's suggested decision: To elect Rebecca Pada as secretary of the meeting.

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: None.

The council decided:

- To elect Rebecca Pada as secretary of the meeting.

### 6 Question about the meeting's authorized announcement

Agenda's suggested decision: To authorize the announcement of the meeting.

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: The meeting was announced on the  $30^{th}$  of October by posts on Facebook, Hitract, and Instagram. The meeting was announced on Microsoft Teams spaces named "Associations at MDU" and "Student Representatives at MDU" on the  $7^{th}$  of November. An event for the meeting was created on Hitract on the  $30^{th}$  of October. The meeting was announced on the website on the  $7^{th}$  of November. The agenda for the meeting was published on the  $7^{th}$  of November.

The council decided:

- To authorize the announcement of the meeting.

# 7 Adjuncts

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: No adjunct requests were received for the meeting.

The council decided:

- To note the information.

### 8 Declaration of other matters

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: No other matters were declared at the meeting.

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# 9 Approval of the agenda

Agenda's suggested decision: To approve the agenda.

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: Because one attending needed to leave at a certain time it was decided to discuss point 17 and 15 before point 10 on the agenda.

The council decided:

To approve the agenda with the change that point 17 and 15 are discussed before point 10.

### 10 Approval of the previous meetings' protocols

Agenda's suggested decision: To approve the protocols for the council meetings held 2023-04-03, 2023-04-27, 2023-05-25 and 2023-06-27.

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: There have been some issues and misunderstandings around those protocols, which is why they have accumulated for this meeting. The protocol from 2023-05-25 is missing one signature – it was suggested to publish the protocol to MDSU's website anyways, and if the last signature is received the published protocol will be updated with that version.

The council decided:

- To approve the protocols from the council meetings held 2023-04-03, 2023-04-27, 2023-05-25 and 2023-06-27, and to ensure to update the protocol from 2023-05-25 if the last signature is received.

# 11 Approval of activity report

Agenda's suggested decision: To approve the activity report for the operational year 2022-2023 (2022-07-01-2023-06-30).

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: It was noticed that a date on the activity report had the wrong year.

The council decided:

- To approve the activity report for the operational year 2022-2023 (2022-07-01 – 2023-06-30), with the edit of the date under "1 Official student union status from MDU" from "December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023" to "December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022".

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# 12 Approval of results report and audit report

Agenda's suggested decision: To approve the results report and audit report for the operational year of 2022-2023 (2022-07-01-2023-06-30).

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: The audit report had not yet been finalized in time for the meeting, and therefore the decision about the audit report must be postponed to a later council meeting.

#### The council decided:

- To approve the results report for the operational year of 2022-2023 (2022-07-01 – 2023-06-30), and to table the decision for the audit report.

#### 13 Decision on freedom from liability for former council's presidium

Agenda's suggested decision: To give freedom from liability for the council's presidium of the operational year of 2022-2023 (2022-07-01-2023-06-30).

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: Members of last year's council's presidium were Andrea Haglund (president 2022-07-01 – 2023-04-03), Majid Azizi (vice president 2022-07-01 – 2023-04-03, and then president 2023-04-03 – 2023-06-30), and Ebba Norlin (secretary 2022-07-01 – 2023-06-30). The meeting found that the council protocols from that operational year were adequate.

#### The council decided:

- To give freedom from liability for the council's presidium of the operational year of 2022-2023 (2022-07-01-2023-06-30).

### 14 Decision on freedom from liability for former board

Agenda's suggested decision: To give freedom from liability for the board of the operational year of 2022-2023 (2022-07-07 – 2023-06-30).

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: Since the audit report had yet to be finalized in time for the meeting it was not possible to give freedom from liability for the former board, and therefore this decision must be postponed to a later council meeting.

#### The council decided:

- To table the decision on freedom from liability for the board of the operational year of 2022-2023 (2022-07-01-2023-06-30).

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### 15 Election committee

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: Ridha Divanian had applied to the election committee before the meeting. Jennifer Gothilander applied during the meeting. The election committee is supposed to consist of at least three people and therefore it was suggested to give Ridha and Jennifer the mandate to elect a third person with the condition that the third person has as little personal connections as possible to the people currently working with MDSU.

#### The council decided:

 To elect Ridha Divanian and Jennifer Gothilander as members of the election committee, and to give them the mandate to elect a third person for the election committee with the condition that the third person has as little personal connections as possible to the people currently working at MDSU.

## 16 Interpellations

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: No interpellations were received for the meeting.

The council decided:

- To note the information.

#### 17 Motions

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: Jennifer Gothilander submitted a motion to add the Doctoral Student Council to the bylaw titled "Add Doctoral student council in bylaws".

The motion has been added to the end of this protocol but without its appendices titled "Policy, goals and rules for student influence at Mälardalen University" (2022-11-15) and "Regulations and guidelines for third-cycle studies at Mälardalen University" (2023-04-04).

The council decided:

- To approve the proposal for decision made by the motion "Add Doctoral student council in bylaws" written by Jennifer Gothilander 2023-11-13.

### 18 Propositions

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: No propositions were submitted for the meeting.

The council decided:

To note the information.

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### 19 Other matters

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: No other matters were declared at the meeting.

### 20 Next meeting

Agenda's proposed decision: To note the information that the next council meeting is in May 2024.

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: Shervin Pirani, Lova Linnea Libert and Enkhluun Enkhmandakh requested that the council's presidium hold an extra council meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> of February 16:15 digitally. This meeting would be about organizational matters, and to decide upon the audit report and freedom from liability for the former board. The council's presidium approved the request, with the counter request that propositions for that meeting be submitted no later than the 8<sup>th</sup> of February to give members of MDSU a chance to submit counter motions.

The council decided:

- To hold an extra council meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> of February 16:15 and have it digitally.

# 21 Closing of the meeting

Agenda's proposed decision: To close the meeting at 18:30.

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: None.

The council decided:

- To close the meeting at 17:40.

Chairman of the meeting: Andrea Haglund

Secretary of the meeting: Rebecca Pada

Adjuster: Enkhluuh Enkhmandakh

Adjuster: Lova Linnea Libert



# Add Doctoral student council in bylaws

Motion written by: Jennifer Gothilander

#### **Background**

Students who undergo third-cycle education (Doctoral students) have the right to be represented by the student union in Mälardalen university's preparatory and decision-making bodies, and representatives are assigned by the student union (MDSU). There is currently a Doctoral student council consisting of at least two members per school and one chair. The members are also acting as doctoral student representatives in preparatory and decision-making bodies. The Doctoral student council recruits representatives and informs the MDSU about what body the representatives should be assigned to. The MDSU then assigns the representatives, as representatives officially need to be assigned by the MDSU. This collaboration works well, and the chair of the Doctoral student council is included in the MDSU board. However, there is nothing in the MDSU bylaws regarding a doctoral student council.

In both *Policy, goals and rules for student influence at Mälardalen University* and *Regulations and guidelines for third-cycle studies at Mälardalen University* there are statements regarding a doctoral student council being in place (see Appendix 1, page 10 and Appendix 2, page 17). There is also information about the doctoral student council at MDSUs website (<a href="https://mdsu.se/en/about-mdsu/organisation/the-doctoral-council/">https://mdsu.se/en/about-mdsu/organisation/the-doctoral-council/</a>). Not having a doctoral student council would leave the responsibility to represent doctoral students and/or recruit doctoral student representatives with the MDSU and requires changes to the above-mentioned documents. Therefore, this motion proposes to add a point to MDSU's bylaws to include a Doctoral student council.

#### Proposal for decision

- To add point 6.1.8 "Kårstyrelsen ska utse ett doktorandråd".
- To revise points 9-13 with an additional numeric value, i.e., point 9 -> point 10, point 10 -> point 11 etc
- To add points 9-9.6.4, specified on page 2.

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#### 9 Doktorandråd

9.1 § Doktorandrådet är forskarstuderandes (doktoranders) sätt att påverka MDSU:s verksamhet.

#### 9.1 Ansvar och åligganden

- 9.1.1 § Doktorandrådet skall behandla och besluta i ärenden som delegerats från kårstyrelsen.
- 9.1.2 § Doktorandrådet kan behandla och besluta i ärenden som initierats inom doktorandrådet.
- 9.1.3 § Doktorandrådet skall utse doktorandrepresentanter till beredande och beslutande organ vid Mälardalens universitet.

#### 9.2 Sammansättning

9.2.1 § Doktorandrådet utgörs av antagna till forskarutbildningen vid Mälardalens universitet.

#### 9.3 Doktorandrådets presidium

- 9.3.1 § Doktorandrådet skall bestå av en ordförande, en vice ordförande och ledamöter.
- 9.3.2 § Doktorandrådets ordförande skall leda rådets sammanträden.
- 9.3.3 § Doktorandrådets ordförande ansvarar för att kallelse, föredragningslista samt handlingar finns tillhanda inom utsatt tidsram. Denna uppgift kan delegeras.

#### 9.4 Beslutsförhet

9.4.1 § Doktorandrådet är beslutsberättigat när antalet närvarande ledamöter överstiger hälften av antalet i rådet.

#### 9.5 Sammanträden

- 9.5.1 § Doktorandrådet sammanträder normalt tre gånger per termin.
- 9.5.2 § Kallelse, föredragningslista samt tillhörande handlingar skall vara ledamöter tillhanda senast fem dagar innan sammanträde.
- 9.5.3 § Vid Doktorandrådets sammanträden skall det utses en sekreterare, samt justerare tillika rösträknare.

#### 9.6 Protokoll

- 9.6.1 § Vid Doktorandrådets sammanträden skall det föras protokoll över tid, datum och plats för sammanträdet, vilka som närvarat, diskussioner, ärenden som behandlats, föreslagna beslut och tagna beslut.
- 9.6.2 § Doktorandrådets protokoll skall justeras av sammanträdets utsedda justerare.
- 9.6.4 § Doktorandrådets protokoll skall i justerat skick tillgängliggöras för studentkårens styrelse.

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