

Meeting Protocol

Date created: 2026-01-29

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Attendance

An "X" next to the name indicates attendance.

	Registered members/representatives	Placement
X	Stephanie Liza Johansson	Council Chair
	Josefin David	- Council Vice Chair - Strategic Council for Research and Research Education
	Harry Tibbets	Work Environment Council
X	Hiep Hong Trinh	CS Supervisor Committee
X	August Landerholm	Ethics Council
	Daniel Östberg	Faculty Board
	Julia Klang	IHI Research and Research Education Council
	Sharhzad Marashian	- ITV Research and Research Education Council - ITV Supervisor Committee
	Malin Elvin	IS Supervisor Committee
	Karin Strömqvist Bååthe	ISH Research and Research Education Council
	Fanny Mossberg	IUK Research and Research Education Council
	Fredrik Ardenlid	UM Supervisor Committee
	Fredrik Stormo Scheie	- IEM Research and Research Education Council - MAM Supervisor Committee
	Mira Karlsson	ID Supervisor Committee
	Lisa Borglund	HVV Supervisor Committee
	Kenneth Santos	BIE Supervisor Committee
	Christopher Gustafsson	Council Member and ID representative

Adjuncts		
	Patrick Blixt	Student and Doctoral Ombudsman
	Ann-Sofie Jonsson	Research Education Coordinator

1. Opening the meeting

Estimated time: 2 minutes.

Draftsman: Stephanie Liza Johansson

Confirming of secretary and adjuster

Decision: August (due to Hiep technical difficulties) as secretary and adjuster.

Previous protocol

Decision: To note the information.

Additional topics to be added to the agenda of today's meeting?

Decision: No additional information to be added.

The council declares the opening of the meeting at 13:00

2. Happenings before January

Estimated time: 5 minutes.

Information:

Certain activities were made prior to the new year that have been in effect since the beginning of the new year, like the revision of ASPs for research subjects and decisions that were made by the Vice-Chancellor, which is good to update the council members on.

Decision:

Reviewing the documents needs to be actualized. There are two different documents:

- A. Admission regulations for third cycle studies at MDU
- B. Guidelines for third-cycle studies at MDU.

The council decided

- The DSC Chair will create the initial comments and then ask for DSC-review/feedback on each document.

3. The DSC this semester

Estimated time: 35 minutes.

Information:

We are entering a new semester, and it is useful to take some time to update everyone on the status of the council and discuss if we would like to take specific prioritizations going forward. This includes a look at the introduction to the Vice Chair and the current representation as well as current/planned activities (e.g., recruitments, etc.)

Decision:

The council decided

- Supervisor committee representatives who sat at the respective research councils for the same research environment will migrate over to research council positions in respective departments.
- The DSC Chair will continue working for the filling of positions.
- Include Doctoral Ombudsman question in the upcoming doctoral student survey to catch the experiences of PhDs – strengths and weaknesses.
- The DSC Chair will check the current reimbursement by Studentkåren for DSC activities.
- DSC rep August will investigate data-driven insight into what happens post dissertation is by looking at citations of a PhD-student from MDU post dissertation date to catch “Where did they go?”

4. Information about the doctoral day

Estimated time: 5 minutes.

Information:

We have received some internal information on the upcoming doctoral days this year from Ann-Sofie to relay to the council. Our engagement this time around will be limited in terms of suggesting a theme, but the ones chosen are good for us all. Of course, there is room for any comments to be forwarded.

Decision:

The council decided

- To note the information.

5. The welcoming and other onboarding/DSC presentations

Estimated time: 15 minutes.

Information:

The welcoming Spring edition on the 22nd of Jan in Eskilstuna was participated by us or not? This will be addressed, and we should also talk about the Autumn edition planning. Other DSC tasks that pertain to presenting our council are important to talk about – the ones done prior to this meeting but also any pending ones and we will walk through some of the available material for this.

Decision:

The council decided

- To note the information.

6. Evaluation of Study subjects

Estimated time: 10 minutes.

Information:

Every 6 years there is an evaluation of study subjects. This time it is time for the Innovation and Design research subject to be evaluated, similarly to last time for the Computer Science research subject - we as the council have the opportunity to provide out feedback towards this, we should discuss how we would like to proceed with this.

Decision:

The council decided

- The DSC-chair to invoke a document to provide feedback on the upcoming evaluations.
- The DSC-chair will request feedback/insights from PhD students from (A) Innovation and design and (B) didactics to provide feedback as well.

7. Additional topics

Estimated time: 30 minutes.

Information:

This time slot will be allocated for additional topics of interest to us, and the floor is open for the members to suggest anything they know of that the council should know. Points to discuss about are: A. Budget update (incl. nation-wide reduction on the budget for Sweden's student councils), B. Upcoming national events for doctoral students, C. Brief presentation about the topics that we will continue to burn for. and D. Any available reports from representatives.

Decision:

The council has decided

- The DSC-chair will discuss with the finance responsible at Studentkåren about how the national budget reduction will affect the DSC-activities.
- The DSC rep Hiep shall try to attend an SFS event in May but will attend the February event.
- The DSC-chair will contact communication responsible regarding the DSC-webpage on the MDU website. Add names, pictures, and brief explanations of what the DSC is doing and activities.
- The DSC-chair will investigate the current guidelines for judging PhD salary ladder progression. This is to check if there are faculty, institutional, department guidelines that can supersede specific interpretations made by a specific supervisor. The ISP now has a 30-50-80% activity that the PhD and Supervisor have to agree upon before sending in the ISP.

8. Monitoring

Estimated time: 0 minutes.

Information:

No other matters.

Decision:

The council decided

- To note the information.

9. Next meeting

Estimated time: 5 minutes.

Motivation:

According to MDSU's by-law, the DSC meets three times per semester.

Decision:

The council decided

- To note the information that the next council meeting is in March 2026.

10. Closing of the meeting

Estimated time: 2 minutes.

Decision:

The council decided

- To close the meeting at 15:20.



Meeting Chairman

Stephanie Liza Johansson



Meeting Secretary and Adjuster

August Landerholm