

Protocol, Organism Biology steering committee meeting

December 11, 2018, 10-12; BioC conference room A-372

Attending:

Christina Dixelius (chair)

Minerva Trejo

Magnus Karlsson

Lina Sjöholm (coordinator without right to take part in decisions)

Mattias Thelander (coordinator without right to take part in decisions)

Lea Wittorf (suggested to take over as coordinator after Lina but not yet appointed and therefore only attending as passive observer)

Mariana Kluge (suggested to take over as student representative after Miguel but not yet appointed and therefore attending as passive observers)

Anis Meschichi (candidate to take over as student representative after Minerva, only attending as passive observers)

Not attending:

Charles Melnyk

Pernilla Elander

Petra Fransson

Peter Bozhkov

Panagiotis Nikolaou Moschou

Miguel Angel Redondo

§ 1 Meeting was opened by Christina Dixelius

- a) Mattias Thelander was appointed secretary
- b) Magnus Karlsson was appointed adjutor
- c) Last meeting protocol was approved.
- d) No additional questions.

§ 2 Replacements in steering group (PF)

- a) New coordinator after Lina: As decided at our previous meeting, Petra initiated the process of finding a new coordinator from Mykopat. After an announcement for candidates by e-mail followed by discussions at the department level, Lea Wittorf was suggested as the new coordinator by Mykopat. This suggestion was approved by the OB steering committee by e-mail voting. Petra has now forwarded the recommendation that Lea takes over after Lina from the first of January 2019 to FUN and we are now awaiting their decision. Both the suggestion from Mykopat to appoint Lea as the new coordinator and the per capsulam approval of this suggestion by the OB steering committee are attached to this protocol.
- b) New PhD student representative after Miguel: As decided at our previous meeting, Petra has informed FUN that the OB steering committee recommends Mariana Kluge to take over as the Mykopat student representative. We are still awaiting response from FUN.
- c) New PhD student representative after Minerva: Minerva informed the meeting that she will defend her thesis in spring 2019 and hence will leave the steering committee shortly. She furthermore informed the meeting that PhD students at Plant Biology suggests that Anis Meschichi takes over after her. Anis, present at the meeting as an observer, introduced himself and promised to inform the coordinators as soon as possible after the meeting if he is willing to accept the task or not. If he is, it was decided that Petra should ask the steering group for permission to recommend him to FUN by per capsulam voting.

§ 3 Final reports from concluded activities

- a) Workshop: How to become a postdoc: The report was postponed since details about participation, economy and evaluation outcome from other research schools were missing.
- b) Understanding and coding the R programming language: Lina reported that 28 students from 8 departments took the course, 6 of which were from BioC. Evaluation scores were very high as exemplified by an average of 4.8 out of 5 on the question about the general impression of the course. The course was somewhat more expensive than planned since it had to be moved to new premises with short notice. In the end, OB paid 46.000 instead of the budgeted 33.000. The report was approved.
- c) Careers outside university: Lina reported that 33 students registered for the event, 8 of which were from BioC. Evaluation scores were high as exemplified by an average of 4.4 out of 5 on the question about the general impression of the course. The total cost for the activity was SEK 28.700 which is to be shared equally by all NJ research schools. This is well within what was budgeted. The report was approved.

§ 4 Progress reports from ongoing spring activities

- a) Writing course: Lina reported that the course is running as planned even if the number of students is low.
- b) Visualize your science: Mattias reported that the course, which was filled to the last place, was concluded a few days before the meeting and that a final report will be given at our next-coming meeting.

- c) Advances in enzyme regulation: Mattias reported that students are working with individual assignments at the moment and that the course will be finished in February.

§ 5 Annual workshop 2019, set date and discuss place

It was agreed that the annual OB workshop in 2019 should be arranged the 18th to 19th of June. Possible conference venues were briefly discussed. It was decided that the coordinators should check out availability and prices of the following venues: Johannesbergs slott, Älvkarleö Herrgård, Marholmen, Wiks slott, Odalgården and Gimo Herrgård.

§ 6 Practical workshop on thesis writing

Mattias reported that several other research school were potentially interested in a collaboration around a PhD thesis writing workshop and that it will be further discussed in a coordinator meeting in early 2019.

§ 7 Additional questions

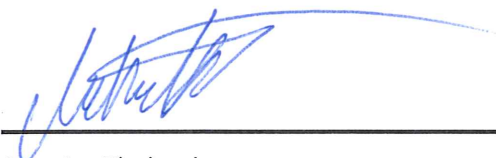
There were no additional questions

§ 8 Meetings 2019, set dates

It was decided that the coordinators should send out doodles to find four different meeting times in 2019 in March/April, June, October and December, respectively.

Attachments:

1. Suggestion from the head of department at Mykopat that Lea Wittorf should take over after Lina Sjöholm as a coordinator
2. Per capsulam decision that the OB steering committee approves that Lea Wittorf is suggested as the new coordinator to FUN



Mattias Thelander, secretary

22/12-2018

Date and Place



Magnus Karlsson, adjutor

14/1-2019 Uppsala

Date and Place