



KTH Fysik

Department of Physics Management Group meeting

Monday 26th April 2021, 13.00-15.00. Zoom

Participants: Pär O, Bengt L-J, Jens B, Nina K, Josefin L, Jana, Torbjörn B, Mats D, Pavel K, Andrea B, Sevostian B

Apologies: Bo C, Mattias B

Agenda

Guest: Lisa Johnsson, HR-responsible at SCI

The head of SCI administration and function managers visit all departments' Management Group meetings

on separate occasions during the spring semester 2021.

[Appendix 1] Lisa J did a presentation on how the HR-responsible at SCI is organized and how they function.

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- **Working from abroad**
 - Even though the majority are working from home, that home has to be in Sweden according to Swedish law and UKÄ regulation.
 - Only business travel and URA-contract stationing can allow working from abroad.
 - We do have cases that go outside of these regulations and they can be exceedingly difficult to handle.
 - The Division Heads informed if they had staff under these conditions.

- **Workshop evolution**
 - SU has asked to add staff to the workshop by consolidating workshops from their campus. The Department have looked at the projected implications and agree – it should be only positive effects.
 - In total, one more staff will work in the workshop.

- **Corona and restrictions**
 - Spring term continues as now.
 - For fall term there is an attempt to plan according to different scenarios. Work in progress – rektor expected to decide in late May. We expect a decision leaning towards more physical presence at KTH.

- **Server room**
 - Status report from divisions if they would like a server room.
 - Summary: No to very weak need of central room

- **Sky bridge**
 - No news still.

- **Nitrogen tank upgrade**
 - To be changed tomorrow 27/4.
 - Spare tanks are filled.

- **New vice president for sustainability**
 - [Per Lundqvist, professor in energy technology](#)

- **GVS analysis process initiated**
 - Process started to look through the central support and see how to improve.
 - <https://intra.kth.se/en/aktuellt/nyheter/startskott-for-genomlysning-av-verksamhetsstod-1.1065368>

- **RAE**
 - Bengt: Status of report - Near final version.
 - A link to the updated version was distributed to the faculty. The final version will be finished this week. There is still time to come with rapid inputs to Bengt L-J.
 - Pär O reminded the Management group to add hyper-links in the report that Bengt L-J e-mailed about.
 - Film recording on 29/4 for RAE. The bunker lab in Nuclear power safety, The Space simulator lab in Astro physics and the CT medical imaging lab will be visited for filming.

Department

- **New Docent**
 - Dmitry Grishchenko appointed Docent in Physics with specialization in nuclear engineering
 - Congratulations Dmitry!
 - Docent lecture to be planned (end of May)

- **Environment contact person**
 - A person need to take part in the Albanova environment group from the Department. Pär O urge the Management group to come with suggestions for the next meeting.

- **APT meetings focused on return to offices**
 - We are tasked by the management to run a special APT regarding the return to the office work place. They want this done and reported on by 14/5. Should be done at division level or slightly smaller units (but division should be fine).
 - There is a pre-planned meeting template, including mentimeter questions etc that one can follow; or another version with more preparation needed, see link below:
 - <https://intra.kth.se/en/anstallning/arbetsmiljo/digital-arbetsplatstraff-1.1066091>
 - Please conduct these meetings before 14/5 and report back according to instructions on the link. What we need back is the action plan (handlingsplan) and the protocol.
 - The HR administrators can help with preparing for the APT (hr-physics@sci.kth.se)

- **Development discussions**
 - Will be conducted during the month of May.
 - Prefekt takes faculty; division heads all others.
 - Anyone seeking promotion in 2022 or Docentur in the near term has to flag this during the development discussion, so make sure to bring up this issue (docentur for division heads, promotions for prefekt).

- **JML activity**
 - [*Picture a scientist*](#) screening last week. Discussion session last Friday with 30 participants. Too soon for any real conclusion now – both pre-screening survey, post-screening survey and notes from discussion to be analysed.
 - For next meeting, we propose to report on such analysis.

- **Process for change of Head for PAP**
 - Interviews are being scheduled with staff.

- **KTH Active Together**
 - Social/health activation initiative at KTH starts again in mid May. Teams of 5+ participants can sign up and compete in being the most active and most communicative.
 - Nice challenge to stay active and do some team-building in the divisions.

- **Outreach (Josefin)**
 - The Outreach committee will have a meeting beginning of May.
One point on the agenda is discussing Linda Eliasson's idea of organizing an evening/event for the undergraduate who is interesting in taking a Phd.
 - The Liese Mietner event is planning to be held at Albanova November 19th-20th. Josefin L will investigate how much the department been involved in previous events.

- **Undergraduate education (Torbjörn)**
 - The set up for the May, June and August exams will continue the same way as it did in March.
 - There will be no 'plussning' for bachelor courses, however optional 'plussning' for the master-level courses. The teachers on the master-level courses have to decide asap if they will allow 'plussning'.
 - The May/June exams will be held online, including the August period.

- **Ph.D. programme (Mattias)**
 - Congratulations Mattias for becoming a new father!

- **Ph.D. student representative (Jana/Andrea)**
 - No issues to raise.
 - The student council had a meeting last week discussing the opportunity of organizing series of digital events that would interest PhD students since the School will not allow physical events as of now. KTH PhD alumni will be asked to participate so PhD students get the opportunity to ask questions.
 - These events will hopefully take place during autumn.

- **Physics administration (Nina)**
 - The planned financial follow-up as per March 31st is postponed as per April 30th and will take place May 25th.
 - The recruitment process to appoint a new group leader for the Physics Administration is handled by a recruitment company; which have estimated 4-5 possible candidates for interviews by Helene Rune and Lisa Johnsson by the end of May.

- **News or issues from Divisions**

- Nothing to report.

- **Personnel news**

- PhD within nuclear technology, heat hydraulic and risk analysis (Pavel K & Dmitry G) S-2020-0527. Xicheng started dec; Ibrahim in Jan; Alireza waiting for migration office.
- Postdoc (2 positions), nuclear power safety (Walter V). S-2020-0814. Maneesh Punetha starting?
- Ph.D student (2 positions), nuclear power safety and thermohydraulics (Weimin M). S-2020-0800. On hold due to contract complications.
- Postdoc, experimental particle physics (Jonas S). S-2020-1726. Alex Leopold starting? (another person have declined)
- Postdoc in nuclear engineering (Pär O & Denise A.L). S-2020-1720. Sobhan Patnaik and Faris Sweidan to be hired, both waiting for migration office.
- Postdoc (2-3 positions), theoretical condensed quantum matter (Jens B) S-2020-1714. Apoorv Tiwari starting October 21st & Cladua Artiaco starting November 21st.
- Ph.D student, machine learning within nuclear technology (Jan D), S-2021-0134, Yi Meng CHAN waiting for migration office.

- **AOB**