



KTH Fysik

Department of Physics Management Group meeting

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Apologies: Josefin L, Mattias B

Monday 30th August 2021, 13.00-15.00. Zoom
<https://kth-se.zoom.us/j/67110050051>

Agenda

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- **RAE**
 - Thanks to all for participating in preparations, presentations and discussions!
 - We have had a first very preliminary feedback from the panel which was highly appreciative of the quality of research at the two departments and which lifted a few of the important questions for future development that we were hoping for.
 - Draft report expected in end of Sep; final report toward the end of the year.
 - The management group thanked Pär O and Bengt L-J for working thoroughly with RAE.

- **Corona and restrictions**
 - Same as before – we should be able to get back to work but still avoid crowding. Local solutions and approvals handled by Division heads.
 - We await further news for the planned 1/10 lifting of restrictions.
 - Staff do not have to report the head of department for being present in the offices any more. This is handled at division level.

- **Physics Day 2021**
 - A kick-off activity together with Aphys was discussed but got paused before summer to await the development of covid. Still not so clear how to proceed with such activities. Pär O will keep the discussion alive with Oscar, Head of Applied Physics.

- **Reimbursement model for PhD-student representatives**
 - New model for reimbursement (in time/activity) for PhD student representatives about to be established. President has decreed there shall be a model but the details are under discussion.

- **KAW project preparation workshop**
 - Held today. No one from the management group was able to attend to give input. The management group agreed that having more preparation workshops in the future is a good idea.

Department

- **Salary revision 2021**
 - The 2021 salary discussions will take place during September. As usual, Pär will take faculty and division heads are to take all other eligible staff in their divisions.
 - More details will come soon – we only know the timeline for now.

- **New Head for PAP**
 - After the process was completed during early summer, it has been decided that Jonas Strandberg takes over from Bengt as head of PAP starting 1/7 2021.
 - We thank Bengt for his many years of excellent service and congratulate Jonas on his new appointment!

- **Outreach (Josefin)**

No update this time.

- **Undergraduate education (Torbjörn)**

The first day of the semester has started, August 30th . Many of the courses are running on campus, and some are on Zoom due to student limitations. Each room in AlbaNova has a covid-19 limitation number that has to be followed. If the course has more students than the room can take, the teacher has to come up with a solution. Torbjörn advised those who teach to use the support from the e-learning division, if it's still available.

- **Ph.D. programme (Mattias)**
 - Tommy Ohlsson takes over as interim DR PA from 1 Oct - 31 Mar during the parental leave of Mattias.

- Mats Göthelid, DR PA Aphys, takes over running FSH3000 which is compulsory and common to both programs.
 - CSC-scholarship call out – see my recent emails. Pär will look into if co-funding is required for postdocs.
- **Ph.D. student representative (Jana/Andrea)**
Nothing to report.
 - **Physics administration (Sefora)**
Nina Karlstedt retired August 31st. The call will be announced again. Johanna Bergman from Mathematics will act as group head for the administration meanwhile. Sefora will arrange flowers for Nina on behalf of the Physics department.

The question was raised if the management group could have more input with the recruitment. Pär will forward the question.
 - **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. Alireza status?
 - Ph.D student (2 positions), nuclear power safety and thermohydraulics (Weimin M). S-2020-0800. Status?
 - Postdoc (2-3 positions), theoretical condensed quantum matter (Jens B) S-2020-1714. Apoorv Tiwari starting October 1st & Cladua Artiano starting November 1st.
 - PhD student, astrophysics (Josefin L) S-2021-0607. Miguel Martinez Miquel starting October 1st.
 - PhD student, condensed matter theory (Jens B) S-20210608. Deadline: 2021-06-04
 - Postdoc, nuclear engineering: transients in synthesized reactors (Janne W) S-2021-1073. Deadline: 2021-11-01
 - **AOB**