



KTH Fysik

Department of Physics

Management Group meeting

Monday 27th September 2021, 12.00-14.00. A5:1003 and Zoom

Participants: Pär O, Mats D, Torbjörn B, Jonas S, Jens B, Jana P, Sevostian B, Pavel K, Bo C, Mattias B, Tommy O, Josefin L

Agenda

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- **Corona and restrictions**
 - From kth.se/corona: “On 29 September, the Government’s restrictions regarding the number of people who are allowed to congregate will end. The same applies to KTH’s operations, and current restrictions due to the pandemic will cease.”
 - We are transitioning back to pre-pandemic, normal working conditions.
 - Pär urged the division heads to take care of discussions within each divisions and listen to the staff. If serious concerns arise, bring them to Pär.
 - Reminder: most staff are hired on trust-based contracts (förtroendearbetstid) which allows for a high level of flexibility with respect to where to work and how to work.
 - There will be meeting at School level tomorrow to discuss relevant issues/questions in regards to the dropped restrictions.
- **Nomination of new president**
 - Suggestions from the faculty and school (so far) regarding the recruitment profile (separate document):
 - Pär shared the document and will edit according to the management group (MG) discussion and submit it to the nomination committee.

- **Promotion process**
 - Invitations will soon be sent out to those that have expressed a wish to apply for promotion to professor in order to start the Department and School internal review process. The invitation will detail what to prepare and submit to the committee.

- **Mechanical workshop**
 - Still relatively low level of activity (prolonged C19-effect?).
 - What plans do the divisions have in the medium term? The division head will check with their staff.
 - We have a temp replacement ad out now but we will withdraw this due to lack of need.

- **Physics Day 2021**
 - Aphys positive to have joint activity after dropped restrictions. Ideas and suggestions are appreciated.
 - Pär and Josefin will be representing the Physics department for the working group together with Applied Physics.

Department

- **Salary revision 2021**
 - Salary discussions with the faculty are ongoing. The division heads gave a status update.

- **Radiation safety training opportunity**
 - For those that may work in proximity to radiation.
 - Course on Nov 5, 9-12 in M3, Brv 64.
 - Register by email to radiationsafety@kth.se with full name, their KTH email and school.
 - Pär encourages the division heads to spread the information.

- **Outreach (Josefin)**
 - Josefin participates in the newly formed SCI JML group. She will report back from this meeting.
 - Plan to advance on the thematic event “Life as a PhD” once restrictions are lifted. Outreach may plan to have the event in October. Course SH2007 will have a small event with a similar theme. Josefin and Torbjörn will get in contact for further discussion.
 - No news yet regarding implications for other outreach events for the fall.

- **Undergraduate education (Torbjörn)**

Torbjörn reports that KTH centrally recommends no bigger changes during period 1 in terms of the dropped restrictions concerning the students. The same applies to the labs. Meaning

digital/hybrid teaching can continue throughout the period if it's considered the best option for the course. The limitation for the number of students will be removed when the furniture rearrangements in the rooms are done (4th October).

Torbjörn also raised GRU will need a new inventory responsible. Pär will look into it.

- **Ph.D. programme** (Mattias & Tommy)
- Mattias on parental leave from Friday 1/10. Tommy Ohlsson takes over as PA from October 1st – March 22nd .
- All eISP updates will have to change manually from Mattias to Tommy as PA in this period. Mattias sends out an e-mail with instructions to the faculty.
- Dissertations:
 - Emil Blomquist, Condensed Matter theory September 30th
 - Philipp Rybakov, Condensed Matter theory October 4th

- **Ph.D. student representative** (Jana/Andrea)

A meeting was held in September where it decided to plan a physical event for Physics and Applied Physics' PhD students. The event will be a dinner held on October 13th from 17:30-20:00.

- **Physics administration** (Sefora)

Nothing to report.

- **News or issues from Divisions**

- **Personnel news**
 - PhD within nuclear technology, heat hydraulic and risk analysis (Pavel K & Dmitry G) S-2020-0527. Selected candidate denied by Migration office.
 - Postdoc (2-3 positions), theoretical condensed quantum matter (Jens B) S-2020-1714. Apoorv Tiwari starting October 1st & Cladua Artiaco starting November 1st.
 - PhD student, astrophysics (Josefin L) S-2021-0607. Julia Ahlvind starting September 1st.
 - PhD student, condensed matter theory (Jens B) S-20210608. Deadline: 2021-06-04. Miguel Martinez Miquel started (October 1?).
 - Postdoc, nuclear engineering: transients in synthesized reactors (Janne W) S-2021-1073. Deadline: 2021-11-01.
 - Foing, verkstadstekniker vikariat (Pär O) S-2021-1119. Deadline 2021-09-28 – *pause/withdraw due to lack of activity.*
 - PhD student, condensed matter theory (Egor) S-2021-1178. Deadline 2021-09-21.
 - PhD student, medical imaging (Mats P) S-2021-1261. Deadline 2021-09-29.

- **AOB**