



KTH Fysik

Department of Physics

Management Group meeting

Monday 21st February 2022, 12.00 – 14.00, A5:1003 + Zoom

Participants: Pär O, Josefin L, Tommy O, Jens B, Jonas S, Pavel K, Jennie E, Andrea B, Sevostian B, Bo C, Torbjörn B.

Agenda

- **New Head of physics administration**
 - Welcome Jennie Erwing!

- **Covid status**
 - Restrictions lifted since 9/2. Campus teaching from P4. Pre-pandemic work conditions from 9/2, ambition to be fully back by 1/3. See kth.se/corona and latest message from SCI. Discussions if and how to provide hybrid teaching.

- **AlbaNova issues**
 - Left server room will be emptied to allow for walkway construction. Those groups that have machines there have to move them. Either over to right room, or to own server rooms in corridors.
 - As far as Pär O knows, CMT has some racks there; and NE/NP/NPS have some defunct computers (old Phoenix cluster). There is an electronics trash container outside the server room that can be used. Concerned divisions should take charge of handling their equipment.
 - Fire extinguishers in the AlbaNova labs will be replaced. Lab managers have been notified.

- **Future FoFU performance allocations**
 - The Division heads were asked to discuss what mode of resource dispersion of performance funds from Department is preferred:
 - direct allocation
 - smeared out allocation (3 years suggested)The majority would like to keep the smeared out allocation like before.

- **Faculty/staff meetings**
 - **Faculty meeting on recruitment**
 - Held Fri 18/2 13-16. Attendance of ~20 faculty. Faculty situation and conditions was introduced/summarized by PO followed by a general discussion.
 - Two topical group discussions were held on:
 - Recruitment strategies
 - Gender balance and Diversity
 - Notes from the meeting are being compiled. Very interesting discussion where different points of view were raised. To be followed up. Suggestion of some kind of regular meetings/activity for the department. Resume Physics day.
 - **RAE discussion**
 - Planned for beginning April. Pär O will send out a suggestion for a date.
 - Department workshop to discuss the findings of the RAE panels that concern us
 - All staff to be invited; faculty expected to attend
 - To be used as first step in the Department work on future strategies
 - Working group to prepare for the meeting: prefekt, proprefekt, studierektor, DRPA
- **Process for Director of undergraduate studies position**
 - Call to the faculty has been sent out 21/2
 - Deadline 14/3 for expressions of interest
 - Committee formed by Pär O, Josefin L, Jan D, Jens B
- **Outreach (Josefin)**
 - Summer student project: Received 8 projects after call and will offer four 1 month positions. Advert is planned to go out beginning of March with a deadline end of March. Discussions regarding the advert and the criteria for applying and how to reach the most students. The projects should be spread out over several supervisors.
- **JML (Josefin)**
 - Meeting last week with school JML-committee that consists of head of school and deputy heads of the departments. New administrative JML-group at the school that will deal with harassment issues incl. training for all managers regarding how to deal with reported harassment cases.
 - Code of Conduct-courses for students.

- Applied Physics PhD-student council representatives is planning an event for their PhD-students to discuss the JML-report. Maybe something similar would be interesting for the Physics department?
- KTH is planning a special investment for female guest professors where the school can nominate 1 or 2, partially funded. More information to come.
- **Undergraduate education** (Torbjörn)
 - Hybrid-teaching works well since teachers are used to it. From P4 we should be back at Campus, however.
 - The problems with staffing this spring are resolved.
 - Future of Education at KTH (Framtidens utbildningar) – a report will be sent out soon. Discussions about this at Storträffen and the Board of Education. The school has a plan on how to handle the strategy for this and the plan is based on pilot tests on Farkostteknik. Will be presented at the breakfast meeting and at the faculty meeting at school.
- **Ph.D. programme** (Tommy)
 - Before dissertation, the PhD thesis needs an advance reviewer, as usual. A recent change in policy interpretation is that this person should not be biased towards the PhD student or supervisor. This causes some problems in certain research environments. Tommy will bring this up at the FA/PA meeting 22/2.
- **Ph.D. student representative** (Andrea/Elina)
 - Meeting next Monday, will bring up above items.
- **Physics administration** (Jennie)
 - Recruitment for a new HR-administrator ongoing. Meanwhile a consultant will be brought in. Kristina Brorsson (financial administrator) substitutes for Sandra who is on parental leave. Discussions with SU and CBH-school regarding to change the reception at Albanova to a joint student reception.
- **News or issues from Divisions**
 - Condensed Matter Theory – advert for Assistant professor is published. Link will be sent out.
- **Personnel news**
 - Postdoc, nuclear engineering: transients in lead-cooled reactors (Janne) S-2021-1073. Alejandria Perez accepted, starts on 21/3.
 - PhD students, nuclear power safety (Weimin) S-2021-1484. Disen Liang offered position, status?

- PhD student, nuclear engineering (Pavel) S-2021-1404. Govatsa Acharya offered position, status?
- PhD student, nuclear engineering (Pavel) S-2021-1406. Kin Wing Wong started 15/2.
- Postdoc, nuclear engineering: SUNRISE (Janne/Pavel/Pär) S-2021-1570. Ignas Mickus & Sumathi Vasu offered positions. Ignas starts 1/2; Sumathi awaiting migration office.
- PhD students, nuclear power safety (Walter) S-2021-1555. Karim Mahmoud offered position, status?
- Researcher in applied nuclear physics, (Bo) S-2021-1767. Iaroslav Meleshenoskii offered position, status?
- Researcher in two-dimensional materials (Pär) S-2021-1934. Kostas Sarakinos starts on 1/3.
- PhD student in X-ray polarimetry for astro physics (Mark) S-2022-0351. Deadline 2022-03-10.