



KTH Fysik

## Department of Physics

### Management Group meeting

Tuesday 31st May 2022, 09.00 – 11.00, A5:1003

**Participants:** Pär O, Josefin L, Chong Q, Jens B, Sevostian B, Torbjörn B, Mats D, Jonas S, Mattias B, Pavel K, Daniel Q.

### Agenda

- **Process regarding called professor**
  - In spring 2022, the rektor called an internal *lektor* to *professor*. This has been widely questioned by faculty, school colleges and by a number of department heads.
  - Following this, the Dean has resigned and an external investigator (prof Mia Rönmar of Lund) has been assigned by the board.
  - UKÄ expects a report from KTH and will make their own investigation.
- **Administration evolution process**
  - First meeting of prefektråd to assist process has been held. Entire evolution has slightly unclear goal but the meeting was good and most prefekter are aligned in wanting more localized service rather than more centralized.
- **New Director of undergraduate studies**
  - After following through on the process set out in early spring, Tommy Ohlsson will be the new director of undergraduate studies of the department for the coming 4 years, starting from 1/7 2022.
  - Congratulations Tommy!
- **WISE postdoc and PhD call**
  - KTH has an open internal call for PhD and postdoc projects to WISE. SCI can send in a number of applications. Details have been given.
  - <https://intra.kth.se/en/forskning/plattformar/materials/calls-and-funding/kaw-wise>
  - Correction from first send-out: it is possible to collaborate on more than one proposal.
  - Deadline 5/6 for internal round.

- **KTH initiative to recruit female guest professors**
  - One candidate has been proposed which will unfortunately not pass through due to insufficient teaching experience for a professor position
  - *Post-meeting update: the deadline to propose a candidate will be moved to after the summer*
  
- **School PhD positions**
  - 272 applicants. Junior committee screened down to about 40; senior committee interviewed 10 candidates and ranked them. Four have been offered positions (one to each Department).
  - For Physics, Malte Lindestam has been offered and has accepted a position – will be supervised by Tommy and Sandyha. The list of top candidates can be used to hire if needed and if funds are available. Contact Pär if interested.
  
- **New doctoral program general study plan and description (Mattias) (Appendix 1)**

ASP (allmän studieplan) should be updated and draft has been sent out. Discussions regarding this and how to set the specializations, if any. Several suggestions were discussed but the agreed upon is to propose to have no specializations since they only introduce more administration without having any formal significance. Mattias will check with Mats Göthelid how Applied Physics plans to do.

Compulsory course FSH3000 Width and Ethics in Physics; discussions regarding possible changes.

Conditionally elective courses; discussions regarding possible changes.

Out of time: *To be continued next meeting.*

Meeting ran over time and the following planned items were postponed to the next meeting:

- **Outreach** (Josefin)
- **JML** (Josefin)
- **Undergraduate education** (Torbjörn)
- **Ph.D. programme** (Mattias)
- **Ph.D. student representative** (Elina/Daniel)
- **Physics administration** (Jennie)
- **News or issues from Divisions**
- **Personnel news**