



Department of Physics Management Council meeting

Monday 2nd Dec 2024, 12.00 – 14.00, A5:1003

Zoom: <https://kth-se.zoom.us/j/8512095344>

Participants:

Jens Bardarson, Mattias Blennow, Tommy Ohlsson, Pär Olsson, Mats Persson, Jenny Sundström, Josefin Larsson, Jonas Strandberg, Weimin Ma, and PhD student representative Alexandru Golic

Zoom: Torbjörn Bäck

Meeting notes

- **Undergraduate education** (Tommy)
 - A suggestion for staffing for teaching during the spring term 2025 has been drawn up and Tommy will email this out
 - Is there government capital (myndighetskaptal) that needs to be spent so an extra percentage will be added to the salary cost of taught teachers, which will be charged to GRU
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- **News & general items**
 - SCI Faculty breakfast 11/12 8.00-9.30 – KTHB Salongen
 - Proposed renewed structure of research education
 - Clarified expectations for faculty activity-try to create a picture of what we want the faculty to do
 - All new salaries ready – PO will send out (today)
 - The safety inspection went well but there are still some laboratories left with these will be inspected in early spring 2025

- KTH's career system review has been completed
 - Three new positions to be created:
 - Associate Professor outside the career ladder
 - Two research specialist positions (career track for Researchers).
 - “During a transitional period, lecturers with a doctorate would be able to apply for promotion to such a position. This would also apply to some researchers currently working as shadow Associate Professor. Some of them could be given the opportunity to be promoted to senior Associate Professor outside the career ladder,” says Nina Wormbs.
 - [Report here](#) (in Swedish)

- No more CSC PhD student scholarships at KTH
 - KTH will not accept any new doctoral students under the current agreement with the China Scholarship Council, CSC.
 - The reason is that the transparency of the conditions between CSC and its scholarship holders is not sufficient.

- WISE
 - Common assistant professor position by Physics/Aphys has been sent in (thanks Edwin, Jens, Jonas and Martin!)

 - WISE Chairs proposed by board:
 - Discussion of offer of so called WISE chair professor positions to Gerbrand Ceder and Kristin Persson (both very high profile researchers).
 - 60 MSEK budget where host uni has to take 1/3 of cost.
 - Chalmers, SU and LU have said they are interested. KTH-WISE/Annika asks if any school/department is interested.

- OH, LKP, etc

- **Economy 2025**
 - FoFU allocation from SCI to departments has been set
 - We will get a bit more than last year – mostly due to higher number of graduated PhDs
 - Standard model for distribution for 2025 will work well

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- **New department structure**
 - Division head mandates run for 4 years
 - Jonas has flagged he wants to step down and let the position rotate for PAM
 - Process to identify new PAM division head to start in spring

- **JML**
 - Planning for workshop in spring 2025 – common structure for departments with long term goals

- **Faculty renewal (Edwin) (Not attended)**
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- **Outreach (Josefin)**
 - Successful participation during Lise Meitnerdagen 2024
 - Proposal to purchase t-shirts with the KTH logo in different sizes to during similar events
- **Doctoral programme (Mattias)**
 - Proposals for a new structure for postgraduate education:
 - The proposal is for each institution to have its own program. Within this programme, it must be possible to choose between several different subjects. In this way, the subjects get a more prominent role compared to today's system where each program essentially only has one subject

- **PhD student representative (Alexandru)**
 - Two new PhD representatives will be selected to attend management group meetings in 2025
- **Physics administration (Jenny)**
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