PhD student council meeting

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Agenda

1. Reports from representatives
2. Information about board election

Participants

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Fredrik Johansson (Skype) Fredrik (leffe) Johansson
Anna Sinelnikova

Notes from meeting

1. Report from representatives

TNDR (Johann):

TNDR have faculty money available for PhD students to apply for, for the purpose of organising PhD events such as seminar or outreach talks. Call for application will be announced soon by TNDR.

"Nya Ångström", which includes building 9 / building 10 (at the parking lot), will soon be given green light to start building. As there is no garage planned there might be future parking problems.

Blackboard is going to replace Studentportalen. Implementation starts VT/HT 18 and the migration is planned to be done by 2019.

TNDR social activity AirHopp is coming up, check mail for announcement or contact Johann.

Equal opportunity (Anna):

If you want to participate in the equal opportunity board, please contact the board.

There is a possibility for equal opportunity grants, please see:
http://www.physics.uu.se/aboutus/more-about-the-department/equal-opportunities/

Department Board (Ida):

"Nya Ångström": Increased rent (25% !), 15 % if "Nya Ångström"is not built. Tough for education, research will be fine.

There has been a suggestion, proposed by F (Tekinisk Fysik), to rework the current Mechanics education, by decreasing the teaching of theoretical concepts. The PhD council is against the changes, as fundamental knowledge and prerequisites will suffer greatly. Also IFA will have problems with employment of such students as PhD students, as the students will be lacking fundamental knowledge of basic physics.

Concern from the board concerning the hiring of a new FREIA professor was brought up. The ranking proposed by "beredningen", was ignored. This professor would be the research leader of FREIA, focus on instrumentation/accelerators.

Critique from KOF17: Work on gender balance.

Electronic ISP: Postponed to be implemented in Blackboard, which might not be until 2019.

PhD students with shortened contracts can contact Mattias Klintenberg for help.

2. Department board election

Call for candidates. Official call to be announced 31st October.