Future Faculty

Steering group meeting, 2017-05-09
Location: Lund BMC B14

Protocol

§1 General information

a) Meeting with dean: Pontus N met with the Dean, Gunilla Westergren Thorsson, and Mattias Brattström to discuss the possibility for us in Future Faculty to have adjunct positions at the academic appointment board (Lärarförslagsnämden, LFN) and docentship committee. They had talked to the prefects about us having a position at LFN and they were not very positive. Future Faculty has not been a positive force within the faculty in the past and many seniors are therefore questioning our work. Gunilla and Mattias said that they were very happy with our achievements from the last one to two years and if we continue working like this we could probably get a position or possibility for more insight in the future.

The docentship committee is not as sensitive and Gunilla promised to talk to Stefan Hansson about this. She was hoping that they could come to an agreement.

Furthermore Pontus brought up the lack of insight into and openness of LFN’s work. They were aware of the information meeting that Future Faculty has arranged together with Kajsa Jonsson and Måns Magnusson. If this is done right it could be a way to “open” up LFN and also highlight the good work Future Faculty does.

Pontus also discussed with them why Future Faculty is questioned by seniors at the faculty, and it was decided that Pontus will attend the Prefektråd on the 29th of May and present Future Faculty, our mission statement, how we are elected, and who our members are. Prefektrådet is a recurring meeting the Dean has with all prefects at the faculty.

b) Gunilla also informed Pontus about the open BUL-positions. They have narrowed it down to 82 from 143 applicants by removing incomplete applications or applications from people without a PhD. Many applications from outside Lund University were still remaining which is good.

She also informed Pontus that the FoAss support funding we discussed about last meeting and that one of our members asked us about, will be removed after this year. It has been criticized and there are few applicants that are eligible. The money for these positions (400 000 SEK/year times two positions) can be used for something else and we were asked for ideas on what that should be; currently an additional BUL-position is being proposed by the Dean. We will discuss this on the retreat to be able to come with suggestions to the dean.
§2 Follow up from last meeting
   Nothing new

§3 Task forces
   a) Recruitment: Nothing new.
   b) Internal lobby: Nothing new.
   c) Events: Lunch with Siamon Gordon the 31st of May. Professor Siamon Gordon will give an Excellence seminar the 1st of June. Future Faculty organizes a lunch with him the day before. Emelie/Ulrikke will announce it to our members tomorrow and we should mention it on the retreat. Agi will announce it on our Facebook group.
   d) National lobby: The next NJF meeting is 27-28th of September in Stockholm. On the agenda is to choose a chair that will sit longer than 6 months. Also the survey is out. More than 1000 people have applied yet. It ends 13th of May. Hopefully we get enough answers from Lund that we can use in our discussions with the faculty. Ulrikke offered to go to the meeting in Stockholm.
   e) Career: Saema is planning a Project manager’s course together with Pernilla Carlsson at Career Center. It will be announced at the retreat to our members and Pernilla has announced it in the newsletter from the medical faculty. It is open for registration now. Future Faculty decided to sponsor one scholarship to one of our members. The scholarship covers the total cost.
   f) Election of new steering group: Two new members have nominated each other. Cibely Fontes-Oliveira and Hooi Min Tan Grahn. Ulrikke will send in an email and nominate everyone that will continue from the steering board. Cecilia Follin will be nominated by M-L, and Saema will nominate Ulrikke. We will also bring up the election during the retreat and hopefully recruit some more members to the steering board/task forces.
   g) Web page: Agi will take over the web page after Pontus D. Agi has already taken the courses needed.
   h) Treasurer’s update: Compensation for the steering board members 220 tkr (unchanged from last year), Events 245 tkr (retreat 135 tkr, workshop 80 tkr, national meeting 30 tkr) stipends 5 tkr, Minerva Award 15 tkr, MiS 15 tkr. Total 500 tkr

§4 Retreat final update and discussion
   During the retreat we have two spots to inform about Future Faculty. Day 1 starts with a welcome session that Pontus will lead. For this we need a presentation and Pontus will make a pdf slide share so every task force leader can make a slide over what have been done and what is planned for the future. Here we can present who we are, what we have done and so on. Day 2 we have a longer session where we can discuss what future faculty can do for their members, what we want in a new dean, and how to best spend roughly a million SEK per year. Here we are aiming of getting suggestions that we can hand over to the dean about what to do with the money that are left from the FoAss support that will be canceled from next year on. Pontus will present our mission statement during this session as well.

Some practicalities. We decided to continue using the sublogo that we have on the keep cups for the presentation and so on. We need to send out an email about bus transfers and the program. Emelie
will do that. Ulrikke or Saema will pick up the booklet and the name tags from Mediatryck. Jenny and Giacomo are responsible to see that all people are on the bus. Ulrikke will perform an evaluation that will be emailed out to the participants as soon as the retreat is finished.

One thing that came up to discussion was why we didn’t attract young PI’s with this retreat. Is it because it was a two day event? Maybe we should ask our members about this. Something to think of for the future.

§5 Minerva
We decided to continue with the award, since we think it is important to highlight the good forces within the faculty. However maybe this should be a separate thing and not connected to the retreat. Instead maybe we should have a ceremony at the faculty that everyone could attend, such as an afternoon event. We discussed when it was best to have the ceremony due to grant applications. February or June was suggested. The committee for this year should write a standard operating procedure (SOP) about how to work effectively with this.

For the actually ceremony at the retreat, David will present the prize whereas Pontus N will hand over the flowers and gift. Unfortunately we have not been able to get a diploma for the winner yet, so this will have to come later. Jenny will fix the flowers and Emelie will fix speakers gifts. It would be nice if we could get the vice chancellor Torbjörn von Schantz and the dean Gunilla Westergren Thorsson to send telegrams to the Minerva award winner. M-L will contact the secretary of the vice chancellor and Pontus will contact the dean. Since we cannot have posters at the venue we will have a scientific mingle instead with wine and beer.

§6 New information day on teacher positions debrief
Pontus N and Ulrikke organized an information day on teacher’s position where Kajsa Jonsson and Måns Magnusson attended to showcase the way this is handle at the faculty. 38 people signed up but only 20 showed up. The overall impression was good. 75% of the attendees thought we should do it again. The problem was that the academic appointment board is not interested to make something beneficial for the applicants. They don’t see the problem of the lack of insight and openness of LFN’s work. Since we think this is important and the overall impression was good, we will probably do it again. Next time will be in Malmö. Since the LFN don’t make decisions on which positions should be instated (in practice the Dean with the management board look at proposals from prefects and others and select and then the Faculty Board take the formal decisions ) maybe it would be good to have the dean presenting the strategy of the faculty. Also one could think of having someone from the institutions and centrally to inform us on how they work with this. Another alternative is to make an information video as Sahlgrenska, Göteborg University, has done about docentship.

§7 Övrigt
Several other things were discussed at the meeting. We should make a summary of what we have achieved this year. This can be used for the new steering board at their kick off meeting, which was suggested to be in September. This should also be on our website. We should also send out a newsletter with the latest info and maybe the summary as well. A summer party was discussed but no concrete plans were formed.
Other things that came up during the discussion were that we should use the evaluation when we apply for money. All information and data should be put on BOX for further steering boards to have.