

# Minutes from the Annual Meeting 2023 of SWERA's Doctoral Council

**Date:** October 10, 2023, at 15.50-16.30

**Place:** Zoom or IRL at University in Gävle

**Present:** 15 members

**1. Election of chairman/woman for the meeting**

Jonas Udd, University of Gothenburg, was proposed and unanimously elected

**2. Election of secretary for the meeting**

Jenni Nilsson, Uppsala university, was proposed and unanimously elected

**3. Election of two adjusters who also function as tellers.**

Amelie Elm university of Gävle and Sandra Carlsson University West were proposed and unanimously elected

**4. Approval of agenda**

The agenda was unanimously approved

**5. Platform for SWERA's Doctoral Council's annual report of 2022/2023 and operational plan for 2023/2024 (see appendix 1)**

**a. Presentation**

The annual report of 2022/2023 and the operational plan for 2023/2024 had been sent out before the meeting. During the meeting the current chairperson Sandra Carlsson, University West, presented some notable points.

-The purpose of SWERA's doctoral student council is to create a platform for social and intellectual networking between junior researchers.

- The Council's main mission is to work during the year to strengthen the national infrastructure and contexts for doctoral students in terms of exchange of experience and knowledge in the field of educational knowledge. In addition to this, the doctoral student council works to ensure that the doctoral student perspective is present in all SWERA's activities.

-The Doctoral Student Council's communication with the members continuously and mainly via the Facebook group "SWERA's doctoral student council" and the LinkedIn group with the same name, as well as a number of member emails per year. The Facebook group has served as a main platform for communication about the doctoral student council's activities, but mainly the dissemination of doctoral courses, conferences, progression seminars, research/doctoral student positions, special issues, etc.

- The number of members has increased from 176 to 219 members as of June 1. Among the members are doctoral students from disciplines such as pedagogy, educational work, special education, didactics, work-integrated learning, history of education, educational philosophy and sociology of education. Recruitment of new members continues to be a priority.

- the spring seminar was held for the third year with the record of 14 presentations and 30 participators. The spring seminar and the pre-conference continue to be

valued activities planned by doctoral students, for doctoral students and with doctoral students.

**b. Approval**

The annual report 2022/2023 and operational plan for 2023/2024 were unanimously approved

**6. Election of working group 2023/2024**

**a. Presentation of the working group's suggestion**

Members of the working group are elected for one year at a time, with a total of a maximum of 3 years. There is currently no Nomination Committee. Hence, the working group has put together the proposals based on a joint process.

**b. Election of chairperson**

Line Isaksson, Karlstad University, was proposed and unanimously elected

**c. Election of vice chairperson**

Sara Viklund, Umeå University, was proposed and unanimously elected

**d. Election of secretary**

Vacant. The position can be filled later by the working group

**e. Election of communications manager**

Social media Sara Viklund, Umeå university, was proposed and unanimously elected

**f. Election of PhD-representative in the Journal Council (Tidskriftsrådet)**

Vacant. The position can be filled later by the working group

**g. Election of PhD-representative in the Swedish Council for Doctoral Education (Forskarutbildningsrådet)**

Mari Hysing, University Dalarna, was proposed and unanimously elected

**h. Election of PhD-representative in the Research Policy Council (Forskningspolitiska rådet)**

Sara Mörtzell, University Gävle, was proposed and unanimously elected

**i. Election of PhD-representative in the Teacher Education Council (Lärarytbildningsrådet)**

Serjon Qorri, Umeå university, was proposed and unanimously elected.

**j. Election of additional members in the working group**

i. Mergim Krasniqi, Linnaeus university, was proposed and unanimously elected.

ii. The process of filling vacant positions can proceed even after this annual meeting and the working group can continue to grow during the coming

year. Anyone with an interest is encouraged to contact members of the working group.

**7. Other issues and ideas**

The resigning chairperson Sandra Carlsson thanks the resigning working group and wishes the best of luck to the new chairperson Line Isaksson and the new working group.

The new chairperson Line Isaksson thanks Sandra Carlsson and everyone for the good work this year, and is looking forward to working with the new group.

Maria Walla also wants to thank the group says, especially Sandra Carlsson and Marina Karlsson for their work.

**8. Closing of the annual meeting of SWERA's Doctoral Council 2023**

Jonas Udd, chairperson

Jenni Nilsson, secretary

Sandra Carlsson, adjuster

Amelie Elm, adjuster

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