

# Minutes ProRat Meeting 11/02/2015

Attending: Franziska, Martin, Simon, Kateryna, Sebastian, Tilo, Vera

Not attending: Sabine, Ashish

Guest: Silke Sekora (PhD candidate faculty 3)

Chair: Tilo

Minute taker: Vera

Time: 11:00 – 12:30

1) The minutes of the last meeting (27/01/2015) were accepted with minor changes.

2) financial situation

**Kateryna** contacts the important organisations: IUZ, Grafa (Mrs. Dunger) and Stura. She makes a rough plan for things we need money for (details: travel and print costs) and discusses them with Stura (Tina Grundmann and Tobias Eichhorn). Concrete projects such as the Saxonian meeting of PhD Councils in Leipzig (27/02/15) should be mentioned as well. **Tilo** forwards the last email of Stura to Kateryna.

3) Rigorosum

The current situation of the PhD regulations were discussed. Tilo met with the Dean of faculty 5: they want to stay with the rigorosum but have not yet decided definitely. Right now, we don't have new PhD-regulations. During the discussion within the faculties, we should emphasize that the university does not necessarily need a uni-wide regulation.

**Franziska** will ask Christina Wopat about statements from all faculty boards so that we get some knowledge about the tendencies in each faculty. Afterwards, we will discuss further actions. As a background information, **Simon** will put his mail with arguments against the rigorosum into the Dropbox.

Special conditions apply to PhD students within an SFB (need 30 credit points, different rules of what counts in comparison to normal substitutional demands). **Vera** will ask SFB students at other universities about their conditions.

4) Saxonian PhD council meeting

A networking meeting of PhD councils (from Dresden, Freiberg, Halle, Jena, Leipzig) is taking place in Leipzig on the 27th of February (10-16:00). **Simon, Tilo and Sebastian** are going.

Planned topics are:

- Wahlen und Wahlordnungen
- Gremienarbeit/ Mitgestaltungsmöglichkeiten an der Uni
- Finanzierung
- Landespolitik: Beschäftigungsverhältnisse
- Landespolitik: Staatliche Stipendien

5) Software

Tilo installs „Pad“ open source software for us. This will enable us to better write texts as a group. He also offered to deal with other kind of software we might find useful.

6) meeting with chancellor

Simon's planned meeting with the chancellor was rescheduled to the 2nd of March. Topics Simon wants to mention are:

- short term contracts
- basic regulations
- time consuming employment procedures

#### 7) short term contracts

We want to formulate a proposal to the senate for the next meeting on 3rd of March (deadline for requests is 24/02). We need stronger regulations for contracts to avoid short term contracts. Looking at the numbers, the effect of the old decision is not sufficient. The proposal will be based on the most recent decision from TU Dresden. **Simon** will formulate a text and will be supported by the rest of us via the Pad tool.

#### 8) mailing list

The general mailing list [prorat@stunet.tu-freiberg.de](mailto:prorat@stunet.tu-freiberg.de) shall be reactivated. Within the newsletters results of meetings are going to be explained.

#### 9) PhD Conference

Franziska explains some of the ideas she and Sabine already had. Kateryna and Martin want to support the Franziska and Sabine with the further brainstorming. So far, it is planned to have a one-day conference for PhD candidates from Freiberg (details are still discussed). The time line currently schedules the conference for the first week of April 2016 (advertisement starting in October 2015, abstract due date in January 2016). Idea: ask in Leipzig for their ideas and experiences.

#### 10) Basic beliefs

**Sebastian** prepares Alexander's old ideas and his own new ideas for our next meeting.

#### 11) next meeting

The next meeting should take place in week 11 (9-13/03/15).