



Department of Physics

Management Council meeting

Monday 4th Nov 2024, 12.15–14.00, A5:1003

Participants:

Jens Bardarson, Mattias Blennow, Torbjörn Bäck, Edwin Langmann, Tommy Ohlsson, Pär Olsson, Mats Persson, Jenny Sundström, Johanna Swedin, and PhD student representative Maria Giamouridou. Zoom: Josefin Larsson, Jonas Strandberg

Meeting notes

- **New team members:**
 - Johanna Swedin, management support
 - Jenny Sundström, department administrator
- **News & general items**
 - **Call** for KTH strategic initiatives open – first approved was nuclear one before summer.
 - Can provide 0.5–3 MSEK in central funding – should target attracting 100 MSEK external funds.
 - <https://intra.kth.se/aktuellt/nyheter/strategisk-kraftsamling-for-forskningen-1.1357688>
 - [Application document](#)
 - Work on initiative on Energy research ("*Re-energize KTH*") ongoing (1 prefekt/skola).
 - In 2024, one of the department's applications to VR was approved, congrats Jonas!
- **Economy**
 - OH calculation for 2025 ready:
 - FoFU 34.67%
 - GRU 83.56%
 - LKP 59,6 %
 - Premises – TBD in the beginning of 2025.
- **SCI skoldialog**
 - Discussions about MK-satsningar, faculty renewal, volume of faculty and teaching.

- SCI – Physics meeting 11/11: The department will clarify present status, plans for the future and challenges like:
 - the need for long-term planning i.e. for how upcoming retirements will be replaced in a timely and efficient manner,
 - clarification that the requirement to teach also includes those with external funding.
- **Salary revision**
 - Soon finished.
 - New salaries should come retroactively in December.
- **Potential WISE position**
 - WISE (Wallenberg Initiative Materials Science for Sustainability) will fund an Assistant professor position that should go to KTH/SCI.
 - SCI needs to formulate an ad and decide where the position will go.
 - CMT is encouraged to apply. Edwin will start and Jens will give feedback on the application. (Last day to submit is November 8th. Please find the requirements for the application in the Agenda).
- **Julbord**
 - Hasselbacken on 3/12 at 20.00. Registration out and 74 has signed up so far (2024-11-04).
- **New department structure**
 - Website in dual language – to be looked at and further developed.
- **JML**
 - Nomination to Rektors JML-pris open (link) – no clear deadline is given.
 - No advance since last meeting on workshop.
- **Faculty renewal (Edwin)**
 - Extended ad for nuclear safety position to 30/11. The ad can be extended by one month. Discussions followed on how to proceed.
- **Undergraduate education (Tommy)**
 - Staffing for the spring semester will be sent out in the end of November or beginning of December.
 - Applications for courses 2025/2026 has been sent.
 - Pär, Tommy and Mark Pearce will have a meeting about teaching labs on November 6.
- **Outreach (Josefin)**
 - Information and suggestions from a meeting with the Outreach committee etc.:

- The department is encouraged to participate in events to inform about its work and research. For example at the Lise Meitner Day exhibition in Albanova on November 29th (SUNRISE will participate).
 - Discussions about a social media account for the department. Maria will ask PhD students if they can manage an account (Instagram?). Financing such activity an open question.
 - The Outreach committee should be reachable via the internal webpage.
 - The evaluation from the summer students was very positive.
 - Torbjörn emphasized the importance of maintaining contact with high school teachers/ gymnasielärare. (Maybe cooperate with Vetenskapens hus?).
- **PhD student representative** (Maria)
 - One suggestion is that the department informs the female network [Malvina](#) about its research and open PhD positions (via meetings, and e.g. a research day at Alba Nova).
 - Elections to PhD council in Decemer.
 - For information: PhD representatives can give feedback on new PhD level courses through the program council.

Meetings during spring 2025:

20 Jan

17 Feb

17 March

14 April

19 May

9 June