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Business Committee, NU

The Business Committee is dedicated to providing a variety of events, bringing students closer to business and professionals working in the health sector. The events the Business Committee organizes vary from company visits to workshops and talks presented by different companies with life sciences. Additionally, the Business Committee strives towards organizing joint events together with other committees within Medicinska Föreningen, as well as with KI Careers and KI Innovations.

The activity plan for 2020 includes, but is not limited to:

- CHaSE - the main KI career fair - will be October 1st and 2nd, 2020. The CHaSE board is currently planning further details.
- Alumni Speed Dating organized with a diverse group of KI alumni sharing their experiences in many sectors of healthcare, varying from pharma, start-ups and academia
- Clinical Innovation Fellowship event is organized for late January 2020
- Medical imaging Symposium
- Event is being planned with Microsoft
- Study visit to Valneva
- Sweden Bio - Uppsala Bio event
- Start up - speed-dating
- Event with Amgen
- Event with Ambio for medical students/nurses
- Workshop session with Roche

The profits made by the Business Committee in 2019 were approximately 152.000 SEK, achieved mostly through a variety of successful events, such as CHaSE and small company workshops and events. In 2020, the Business Committee hope to contribute 162.000 SEK profit towards the activities of Medicinska Föreningen. The Business Committee is dedicated in providing events with companies and organizations within life science to benefit the students of Karolinska Institutet, ensuring there is a direct link between academia and the professional world beyond the campus. In addition, the Business Committee is proud of its financial contributions to the whole of Medicinska Föreningen, improving other necessary activities benefitting MF members.

Biomedical Educational Section, BUS

BUS (Biomedicinska Utbildningssektionen) is responsible for the student representation of the students within the BSc. Biomedicine, MSc. Biomedicine, MSc. Toxicology, MSc. Nutrition, and MSc. Molecular Techniques in Life Science. The aim of our section is to ensure quality education, a pleasant work environment and strong student representation within the programs and within the university overall.

To ensure these goals are met, student representatives from each program are present on the BUS board representing either their respective programmes, representing BUS on KI boards or being responsible for other tasks within the board (such as events management).

Interest in our work and contact with the programs is in part maintained by communication and social events for the students, which further aid in recruitment and creation of a social community.

Student Representation

Within the theme of student representation, BUS aims to provide proper student representation on all sides of KI. More specifically, BUS aims to achieve the goal of promoting and recruiting student representatives for relevant bodies within KI and MF. Open positions through BUS and MF, in general, shall be advertised both through available social media platforms and through program representatives on the board. Student representative positions appointed within BUS shall be emphasised.

Student Engagement

To further improve student engagement within MF and BUS, in particular, the BUS board feel it is of high importance to introduce the section to new students and further engage them in the daily work of the board. This outreach is achieved through the active use of our social media platforms, showcasing and selling merchandise, active participation in the introduction of new students and social events throughout the year and a newsletter sent out at least twice per semester to all students.

A new logo has been introduced in late 2019 and we will further work on establishing BUS's new visual identity with the hope of increasing the interest in the section through appealing advertisement and PR.

The Facebook page and Instagram page are updated regularly, e.g. prior to events, to further promote internships or other information of interest to the section's students but also to provide a place of the community of BUS students at KI through entertaining content.

In addition, merchandise in the form of tote bags was created in 2019 and will be sold to further spread the name of the board and the union.

At the beginning of each semester, the section will continue to take on an active role to inform all new students of their student rights, opportunities within MF and further social events of the section.

A key goal of BUS in 2020 is to provide at least one program-specific welcome for the new students besides the general activities.

Social Activities

Several social activities are currently being planned to create a community of students within the program. The activities aim to benefit all members of our section.

The activities are listed below:

Nerd Nights

This format was established in 2019 and was met with great approval. In 2020, two new editions are planned. For this, a lecture hall will be booked and a teachers/lecturers invited. Pizzas and drinks will be offered. A small participation fee shall be asked to gain revenue.

Solvik

Solvik shall be booked in May with support from the the Programme Committee in Biomedicine (PNBM). Students from all programs are encouraged to participate.

Introduction activities

BUS will continue promoting and supporting (financially and otherwise) introduction activities for its students.

International Dinner

A potluck-like dinner will take place in February to celebrate the start of the new semester, the arrival of the new exchange students and internationalism in general. The same event will be organised again at the beginning of the autumn semester. A cooperation with BIONK (the International Committee for Biomedical Programmes) is in progress regarding this event in order to further strengthen the internationalisation within our programmes.

Doctoral Students' Association, DSA

Vision, Mission and Core Values

For the year 2020, the DSA had a strategy meeting in the beginning of the year where the Board's vision, mission, motto and core values were discussed and decided. These are:

- **Vision:** DSA for an outstanding PhD life.
- **Motto:** Working for a smooth PhD journey.
- **Mission:** DSA aims to build a community, and advocate for every PhD students' wellbeing.
- **Core Values:** empowerment, equity, engagement.

Framing into this vision, mission and core values, DSA Board aims at accomplishing the following goals for 2020:

DSA board

- Give financial support to events organized by PhD students. We will continue to make the funds we receive from the Medicinska Föreningen available for student-organized events, taking our core values into consideration for any decision and money allocation. These events can be aimed at particular groups but should be open to all KI PhD students.
- We will deal with any incidents or issues brought up by doctoral students during our board meetings or by email.
- Make the DSA's work more transparent, improve our visibility, and we will focus on the promotion of our work to facilitate the recruitment of PhD students for DSA-related activities.
- Improve the welfare of the PhD student community, specifically regarding mental health.
- Try to find additional funding for our activities from external sources.
- Build and promote a KI PhD community.
- Revise and make more clear and transparent the election process for doctoral student representatives.
- Work with the central KI HR to clarify rights and duties of PhD students at KI.
- Increase collaborations with internal (MF sections/committees and KI organizations) and external (doctoral chapters of other universities).

Workgroup for Public Relations

- Continue to improve our PR activities. It is crucial for the DSA to be able to reach out to the PhD student body, also to build engagement and distribute important information whenever necessary. Also we aim to keep our new webpage updated and to promote its use.
- Increase engagement on our Facebook page
- Send out a DSA newsletter regularly
- Distribute our booklet aimed at international students
- Prepare material related to rights and duties for PhD students

- Represent DSA at the Introduction Days for PhD students and during the Introductory Day for international researchers.
- Distribute DSA pins and business cards to doctoral student representatives.
- Design a medal for extraordinary contributions in the service of doctoral students at KI.
- Be of support to the other workgroups regarding the promotion of their activities.

Workgroup for Social Events

- Organize and promote pubs and social activities, such as summer sport events, to build and strengthen the Karolinska PhD students' community.
- Organize social events in collaboration with other organization. For example, a second-hand clothes or book-exchange day.
- Organize "Fuckup nights" (temporary name), where PhD students can present, or get in contact with established professors presenting, negative results. Discuss ways to accept failure of experiments and to overcome them.
- Improve relations with Flemingsberg campus

Workgroup for Doctoral Education

- Discuss how to improve student-supervisor relations
- Discuss and evaluate by survey the quality of doctoral courses at KI and act upon this to improve them, if and where necessary.
- Continue the collaborations setup to establish mentorship programs with KI Alumni and with BUS.
- Organize activities to improve the soft-skills of PhD students, for example invite TED-related speakers or organize a TEDxKI-v.2 event.

Workgroup for Collaborations

- Collaborate with other PhD unions. We have established a good connection with the PhD Chapter at KTH, SU, SSE and Södertörns högskola, formalized in the Stockholm PhD Collaboration. The collaboration will organize some events together with topics that are in common to all PhD students, like a seminar about philosophy of science and ethics or social activities. Moreover, the status and issues regarding doctoral education will be shared.
- Continue and improve collaborations with other external organization like SSCO, from which we plan to apply for extra funding, and SFS.
- Continue and improve collaborations with other KI organizations like KIPA and KICC, KI Health Promotion, and Junior Faculty.
- Continue and improve collaborations with other MF sections and committees, like BUS, BAS, IdrU to organize scientific and social activities together, like the KI Olympic Games and the mentorship programme.
- Find and establish new collaborations with both internal (MF and KI), for example with the KIClimate Network, and external organizations.

Workgroup for Student Representation

- Revise, make more efficient and transparent the election process for doctoral student representation at the central level.
- Organize the election process for department and doctoral programmes PhD student representatives.
- Build and connect the doctoral student representative community, organizing, for example, the third doctoral student representative workshop.
- Create informational material about doctoral student representation.
- Responsible for that reports from student representatives are filled out and properly archived.
- Organize and plan for the annual general meeting and election in collaboration with the DSA nomination committee.

Workgroup for Doctoral Welfare and Health

- Discuss and assess the mental health status within the KI PhD community.
- Organize a series of mental health events and seminars.
- Collaborate with the KI Doctoral Education Committee to increase the welfare and the health of the PhD student community.
- Talk with the KI central administration to clarify duties and rights of doctoral students regarding, for example, sick leave, holidays, etc...
- Discuss and find possible solutions to improve the supervisor-student relationship.
- Each workgroup will work also towards the recruitment of PhD students outside of the DSA Board to collaborate and help with the different projects and goals.

Public Health Section, PHS

The Public Health Section (PHS) is the section of MF responsible for the students of the Master's Programmes in Health Economics, Policy and Management, Health Informatics, Bioentrepreneurship, Public Health: Epidemiology, Public Health: Health Promotion and Prevention, and Global Health. The aforementioned programs are under the departments of Learning, Informatics, Management and Ethics (LIME) and Global Public Health (GPH).

As of 2020 the PHS Board consists of a president, vice-president, secretary, finance manager, social manager, educational manager, corporate manager and communications manager. The section also includes the UN representatives for each department; 3 representatives for LIME and 2 representatives for GPH.

Communication

- Increased outreach and advertisement for PHS: through more active Facebook and Instagram pages
- Hidden diseases social media campaign: Focusing on diseases that are uncommon but causes disability among adults. The campaign is expected for the month of March

Education

- Journal club: Every month students meet to discuss two articles (quantitative and qualitative) related to an SDG goal
- Career fair: In cooperation with the business committee to provide students with information about future opportunities by hosting KI alumni
- KI tour of research: Visiting different departments and discussing the latest projects they are working on
- Field visit: Based on each program's needs, a field visit will be coordinated in partnership with the departments to bridge academic learning with real life opportunities and work

Corporates

- Private sector opportunities: Connecting PHS students based on their programs with different private sector organizations
- Field visit: Some programs will include corporates as their counterpart to visit.

Social

- Graduation Dinner: For International Master's graduates
- Museum Visits and Cultural Night
- Awareness Fika: Fika while learning about health-related topic