

PhD Council meeting

Present: Emily, Aleksandra, Bouke, Gijs, Dylan

Agenda:

- Meeting with Juan- what was said and where we go from here (especially concerning the survey, update on the supervision stuff would be good as well if this was given! Exit interviews?)

Summarised: education survey has been put together by OWC, just needs comments from us by 26th august

Internal deadline 16th for comments so the rest of the council can see – can set up a meeting if we want closer to time

- Can people put in their holidays/time off/times when they will be busy with conferences etc into the Google calendar (recap of the prev meeting for those who weren't there would be great!)

- Survey cont. who can do what? What needs doing? I am happy to do whatever, have some time free the next couple weeks and mid august. HARD DEADLINE FOR THIS IS 5th SEPT, should send Juan a draft before then

Email phds multiple times and can stress that it's a short survey

When is the deadline for responses? - see when replies plateau

114 PhD students at Nikhef, got 40 answers for last survey

- aob. anything else we need to discuss?

- New members:

Need to get new people in the council – advertise this

Representation from other locations would be good – Nijmegen, Maastricht, Gronigen

What representation have we had in the last few years?

Plan to advertise after summer

- Practice conference/junior colloquium:

Atlas mini council has the idea to implement a system to have a monthly 'practice conference' (maybe market as a junior colloquium instead of a practice conference) for PhDs and postdocs to practice giving their talks in a lower-stress environment

Getting people to come regularly difficult

Organisers?

Bring it up with Juan

Heavily encourage to bring people from other groups

Contact normal colloquium/journal club/theory day organisers

- Investigate the long lasting consequences of covid on PhDs

May be able to use results from other institutes

Example: asking for an extension –need clarification on applying for extensions and the general attitude towards whether the institute is in favour of this/their responses

Contact Juan about this soon

- Mentoring program:

May be more appealing as a PhD buddy system than mentoring

Idea is for general advice for working at Nikhef or living in the Netherlands etc. rather than specific PhD help

Circulate an email asking if anyone wants to be a mentor

Send an email round ~ month before an intro day (when is the next intro day?)

To do:

Comments on the education survey – internal deadline 16th August

Plan to advertise for new council members after summer

Send Juan a message about investigating the consequences of covid – slack

Reminder: put holiday/conference dates etc. on agenda

Next meeting:

~Second week of August (doodle to be sent out at beginning of the month)