

Minutes VLAG PhD council January 12th, 2005 (Unitas, 16h00-16h45)

Present: Maaïke Schutte, Jeroen Knol, Rinke Stienstra, Nathalie Creusot.

1. Minutes of last meeting

- Conclusions of the VLAG visit to the groups: VLAG is still working on that.
- Backpack money is decentralized to the research groups. For the 3rd stream money, there were problems in the Food Science department.
- Functional meetings with supervisor (every year): Ask someone at VLAG (action point).
- Is Yvonne maintaining the PhD e-mail list? (action point).

2. News and Announcements.

- News from VLAG:

Changes in regulation for PhD defense and how to include TSP. The promoter picks up a date and contacts the opponents; TSP format for dissertation will be sent by VLAG to PhD.

Career perspective course (uitstroom): the first course is full, there is still place for the 2nd course of this year.

Ethics course: cancelled because of too little interest from PhD's. But KNAW still wants more ethics in science. Therefore, ethics is implemented in the other courses.

- News from WPC:

Reasons for contract extension: no decision yet, but it will be uniform (central financing) for all PhD (in January 2005). We do not know when the new regulation will apply, neither if it will apply for all PhD or only for those who start now. Ask HRM if questions.

3. NUTRIM PhD council

The NUTRIM PhD council has 6 persons. Jeroen received an e-mail from them. They want more contact with the VLAG PhD council. For example they want to participate to the PhD party. They also want to be informed about our council.

They do not have an education budget, they have a different TSP, and attendance to some courses is compulsory (otherwise, they do not obtain their PhD)

4. Questions / Remarks

No

Next meeting: March 9th, 16h00, Canteen of Biotechnion

Nathalie 28/01/05