

SWESSE: The Swedish Society for the Study of English
Board Meeting, April 27, Mälardalen University, Västerås

Present

Kristy Beers Fägersten, President
Annika Denke, Vice-president
Anna Swärdh, Treasurer
Tim Roberts, Secretary
Marie Nordlund, Ordinary member
Parvin Gheitasi, Ordinary member
Linda Eriksson, PhD representative

1. The meeting opens at 16:40.
2. The agenda is approved with minor amendments.
3. Anna Swärdh highlights some issues regarding universities paying SWESSE fees for their staff because of tax issues. No decision is taken in relation to this but a problem that needs to be revisited.
4. Kristy Beers Fägersten says that she will contact universities that have not hosted the National Forum before in order to gauge their interest in hosting the event.
5. The board discussion whether the BA essay prize should have three categories, and if so, what the third category should be. It is decided that the categories will be English Education, English Linguistics, and English Literature and Culture. The board's recommendation is that each committee comes up with their own guidelines for judging papers.
6. Tim Roberts, who attended the PhD student session at the National Forum, says PhD students are beginning to arranging themselves in some productive ways, not least through regular meetings and the forming of a Facebook group. There is the hope that the PhD student session will continue at future instances of the National Forum. Tim suggests that PhD student courses can be listed on the website, which the board think is a good idea, and Tim will look into this further.
7. Other business: Kristy Beers Fägersten will continue sending out newsletters to members in her role as president. She will also soon send an email to announce openings for BA essay awards committee.
8. Meeting closed 17:25.