Minutes of the General Assembly of doctoral candidates at the faculty of environment and natural resources

4th of April 2017

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Attendants: 22

Agenda
I. Faculty Meeting
II. Promotionsausschuss
III. GAA
IV. Future Meetings
V. Outlook
VI. Prodoc
VII. Discussion/Other

New homepage of the general assembly and the doctoral candidates’ representatives:
http://www.unr.uni-freiburg.de/doctoral_studies/konventundvertretung

I) Faculty Meeting (Fakultätsrat)
   - currently no official status for doctoral candidates
   - party represented as employees (when they have a contract) or students (when enrolled as students) or not represented (scholarship)
   - official status possible with change of state law (LHG) in the nearer future 2017/2018
   - until that we will try to be invited to every meeting as a guest

II) “Promotionsausschuss” (PhD committee)
   - doctoral candidates enrolled according to the new regulations (since April 2016) need to have 2 accepted papers (when writing a cumulative dissertation) and need a doctoral supervision agreement for the application
   - PhD students can’t enroll for the official title “PhD” anymore (only Dr. rer. nat. or Dr. phil.)

III) Joint Working Committee of the Doctoral Candidate Councils (GAA)
   - “Gemeinsamer Arbeitsausschuss der Doktorandinnen- und Doktorandenkonvente” - GAA
   - works on issues concerning doctoral candidates of all faculties
   - tries to be represented in the senate (as guest or “full member” after the PhD students become a own status group)
   - may provide some office places for doctoral candidates

IV) Future Meetings
    o For urgent discussions ad hock meetings
    o Important information via email

V) Outlook
    o Faculty meeting invitation
    o Information in English
    o Survey (to get feedback)
    o Need for new PhD representatives in the net year!

VI) prodoc
    o initiative of dedicated PhD students in Freiburg
    o network platform for different valuable meetings and activities for doctoral candidates

7 pm at Friday 2017-04-07: “Long night of postponed PhD-theses”
Erbprinzenstraße 12, 1st floor
work on your thesis and have some pizza
https://www.prodoc.uni-freiburg.de/

VII) Discussion/Other
    o Need for German courses (Beginner courses in each semester)
    o IGA courses are good, but need for more specific courses for our faculty (Python, R, statistics), either by IGA or the Graduate School