

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

4<sup>th</sup> 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](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

[https://www.gemeinsamer-ausschuss-der-doktorandenkonvente.uni-freiburg.de/en?set\\_language=en](https://www.gemeinsamer-ausschuss-der-doktorandenkonvente.uni-freiburg.de/en?set_language=en)

#### IV) Future Meetings

- For urgent discussions ad hock meetings
- Important information via email

#### V) Outlook

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

#### VI) prodoc

- initiative of dedicated PhD students in Freiburg
- 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, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

work on your thesis and have some pizza

<https://www.prodoc.uni-freiburg.de/>

#### VII) Discussion/Other

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