

PhD Union report for the HTU university assembly meeting on 16.06.2026

- PhD Union room (the PhD central command office ☺):
 - The PhD Union moved to the new room on 5th of May. The new location is Inffeldgasse 16c, IDEG160. Thanks to "Gebäude und Technik", moving to the new room was extremely easy.
- New trophy for the prize for excellent PhD supervision: J. Harden created a draft 3d model (Blender) of the trophy and submitted it to Sabine Vogl and the PhD Union members. The response from Sabine Vogl and Stefan Vorbach was quite encouraging. They like the trophy and want to show it to the rector. In the meantime, a first 3d print will be made available by the end of June.
- Regular Boards:
 - Taskforce Doktorat: The last meeting took place in May. Agenda: defining an algorithm to calculate the "Abschlussquote" for PhD programmes.
 - Curricula commission: nothing special to report
 - Active membership in the IT-Strategy-Board (J. Harden)
- Event - DocTales
 - The last iteration of DocTales took place on 15th June in lecture hall BMT. There were only a few participants, but the talks and discussions were great. We need to find more reasonable dates, and we have to do more promotion to have more participants.
- Awareness - harassment: The PhD Union is setting up an awareness concept together with the aweakado referate. The first meeting will tentatively be scheduled for the end of June. Furthermore, the PhD Union is in contact with the "Luisa" project at Graz University and the committee for equal opportunities at TU Graz. The background is to establish a networking and support group for victims of harassment and gender-based violence.
- Upcoming internal events:
 - PhD Union seminar is under preparation. The location will be the HTU meeting room. The date will be somewhere in July.
- Upcoming public events:
 - The next crafting workshop is planned for the semester beginning in October or November.
 - The next boulder event will take place on 17th June at "block house" Graz.