

Motion: Chair for Nominating Committee



*Submitted for consideration to the PhD Chapter Meeting
The Phd chapter at KTH/ Doktorandsektionen vid Tekniska Högskolans Studentkår*



Background

The Nominating Committee (NC) is the only entity within the chapter apart from the auditors that work completely independent from the PhD Chapter Board. Its main purpose is to:

- a) Promote and administer election for PhD Chapter Board vacancies.
- b) Interview candidates for the PhD Chapter Board and if required consult third parties for relevant information;
- c) Propose nominations to the PhD Chapter Meeting. Nominations are established through single majority of the committee.
- d) Liaison with THS Nomination committee

Previously, this work has been performed with a flat hierarchical structure, which has worked well when the NC has consisted of 3 members as it did during the latter half of 2019 and the first half of 2020. During the work leading up to the first PhD Chapter meeting of fall 2020, there have been early signs that a group consisting of 5 members could be more complicated to lead in terms of organising meetings and dividing workload in the ad hoc manner that has previously been used with an NC of 3 members. With this background, I believe that it would be a good idea to introduce one position which works as a coordinator of the group, which is responsible for the communication with the PhD Chapter Board as well as the PhD Chapter. I hereby suggest as follows:

Suggestions

To₁, in the statutes, change the paragraph “§5.11.1. Composition” from “The PhD Chapter Nominating Committee consists of 3 (three) to 5 (five) people, with a maximum of 1 (one) person who is not a member of the PhD Chapter, and with current or former PhD Chapter Board forming a simple majority.” to “The PhD Chapter Nominating Committee consists of 3 (three) to 5 (five) people, with a maximum of 1 (one) person who is not a member of the PhD Chapter, and with current PhD Chapter members forming a simple majority. Within this group of 3 (three) to 5 (five), there should also be one member who is assigned to be the coordinator of the group, called “Nominating Committee Coordinator”.”.

To₂, in the statutes, change the paragraph “§5.11.2. Elections” from “The PhD Chapter Nominating Committee is elected by the PhD Chapter Winter Meeting.” to “The PhD Chapter Nominating Committee is elected by the PhD Chapter Winter Meeting. The election should include 1 (one) Nominating Committee Coordinator as well as 2 (two) to 4 (four) members of the Nominating Committee. If the Nominating Committee is missing a Nominating Committee Coordinator, they are allowed to appoint one of themselves as acting Nominating Committee Coordinator until the upcoming chapter meeting where a by-election of the Nominating Committee Coordinator will be held.”

To₃, in the statutes, add to the paragraph “§5.11.3. Responsibilities” “The duties of the PhD Chapter Nominating Committee Coordinator are to:

- a) Call for the Nominating Committee Meetings
- b) Act as the main contact between the Nominating Committee and the board
- c) Organise and coordinate the activities within the Nominating Committee”

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