



Place: <https://kth-se.zoom.us/j/69633360195>

Time: 17:00-18:00, April 19th 2021

### §1. Opening formalities [17:00-17:08]

- a. Meeting opening  
*After verifying quorum, the meeting is declared opened at 17:03.*
- b. Invited: chapter board, head of educational affairs and chapter auditors  
*Meeting attendees: Gloria, Federico, Jasmin, Sofia, Deniz.*
- c. Choice of meeting chairperson  
*Gloria is appointed meeting chairperson*
- d. Choice of meeting secretary  
*Federico is approved secretary*
- e. Choice of meeting minutes checker  
*Jasmin is approved meeting minutes checker*
- f. Approval of meeting agenda  
*The agenda is approved with the addition of points 3.a and 2.c.vi.*
- g. The latest protocol checking and signing

### §2. Reports & updates [17:08-17:30]

- a. Board reports
- b. THS Central
  - i. THSxDr  
*Gloria and Federico participated.*
    1. Breddad rekrytering & studentinlaga  
*A studentinlaga is a comment left by students on a KTH report, to UKÄ in this case. Gloria wrote reflections on the KTH self-evaluation. Ävelin will incorporate the input and send it back to us so that we can revise. Everyone is welcome to add additional reflections/comments. Federico has prepared a few paragraphs on the difficulties of moving and affording living in Sweden for a few months before being able to use KTH's salary.*
  - ii. Training-the-Trainer (first 2 sessions)  
*Discussion is tabled as Saiman is absent.*
- c. From KTH Central Organizational Bodies
  - i. Workgroup "Time Compensation for Doctoral Students' Commission of Trust Assignments"



*Sofia is waiting for the document to be finished/polished. The schools should be clearly aware of the significance of the changes to the routines, which will involve properly integrating the new guidelines/rules in the document, and adding all the new information.*

ii. Board of Education (Utbildningsnämnden, UN)

*Jasmin presents. New master program in cyber security. KPUFU, the one year training programme to become a licensed secondary/high school teacher in Sweden was discussed. There is no student representative in the PriU-group on digitalization; we don't know if it could be a good forum to have a PhD representative or if it's ok to only have a THS rep. Margareta Karlsson presented the self-evaluation about broadened recruitment, and essentially said that there is a need to continue to work on formulating a definition, aims and strategies for the work on this.*

iii. University Board (Universitetsstyrelsen, US)

*Gloria presents. US is currently discussing KTH Stora Pris, 1.2Mkr, which the US awards. In the US pre-meeting, the issue was raised that there is a lack of clear criteria for granting COVID-related extensions to PhD students, and the rektor said she will work with the vicerektors on the issue to make it consistent. KTH will receive some extra research money in 2021 which can be used for COVID-extensions, but it's unsure whether there may be some in subsequent years as well.*

iv. Strategic Council (Strategiska Rådet, SR)

*There was a presentation of the main external funding bodies (e.g. ERC, Wallenberg, FORMAS, VR, etc.) that fund research in different parts of KTH. The data may be used for a further analysis on which kind of projects have a good chance of being approved.*

v. Language Committee (Språkkommittén)

1. KTH Storträffen on May 27th

*Continuation of the language course proposal of last semester, which was also presented at FA+PA network. They would like us to present it, but they should also be able to present it themselves and bring it forward as their project.*

*There is a new head of THS International; he contacted Gloria and Federico about the inclusion of non-Swedish speakers in relevant meetings, especially for the PhD Chapter given the percentage of international doctoral students. There is a meeting planned for*



*tomorrow.*

*Many official KTH documents are not translated to English.*

*Notably, the recent negotiation agreement about doctoral student salaries for 2021 only exists in Swedish. A particularly important paragraph has been translated into English and put on KTH social, but as Deniz argues, this does not allow students to see the full picture of documents that concern us to a high degree.*

*The board discusses meeting language. There is a tradeoff between keeping Swedish alive as a formal academic language, and between inclusion. Also, many (especially older) employees at KTH would lose nuance when expressing themselves in English. At the current central forums, our non-Swede representatives listen to the Swedish and speak in English when needed.*

vi. Ethics committee (Etikutskottet)

*There is a document regarding routines for handling bad research practices. A doctoral student representative should be present at every committee instance, even if the topic is not regarding PhD studies.*

**§3. Decision points [17:30-17:35]**

a. Appointment of representative for ISP group assessment group.

*Agnes said that a preliminary date is either Friday 23rd or Monday 26th. Sofia is interested and should be available on both dates. Sofia is appointed.*

**§4. Discussion points [17:35-18:00]**

a. Picture a Scientist -- film discussion and further discussion on organization of the screening

*The movie was seen, and it is considered a good movie to start a fruitful discussion. The equality office is interested in making this a KTH-wide event, not only for PhD students. Maybe we can outsource the organization of the discussion panel to them. They definitely want our contribution, for example to propose speakers. This week we will know if it's sure they want to do it in week 23 (second week of June).*

b. Climate Survey on Gender and Diversity issues pertaining to PhD Students

*Data is the most important tool; data at PhD level would help understand the effects on senior faculty positions. A survey should be sent out, but the organization behind it, if compared to other institutions, needs a substantial effort which we could do together with the equality office. The scale is too large for the PhD Chapter to carry out on its*

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*own. If the collaboration with them goes well for the movie, we should continue working with them on this for example.*

### c. Nominating Committee & Chapter Meeting

*Deniz and Gloria were present (Deniz is part of NC). The chapter meeting was moved to May 17th. The newsletter is almost ready to be sent out. The NC has decided to use KTH forms, as the board has access to the website form, which is not fair. We would like to advertise the Treasurer position, but it's not vacant, so Federico will resign starting the Chapter meeting, and if no one else would like to fill the position he'll nominate himself again.*

*At the chapter meeting we would like to present an operational plan for 2021/2022 if we have the time. If we create the plan, it should be ready about one week before the meeting.*

### §5. Meeting closure [18:00]

Protocol,

Meeting chairperson: Gloria Samosir

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary of the meeting: Federico Izzo

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes checked by: Jasmin Höglund Hellgren

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Attachments

## Attachment: Board Reports

Written reports before the meeting

Sofia Broomé	<p>Ethics committee April 13th.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* About revisions to the routine for suspected deviation from good research practice. Mostly formalities. This was clarified: students should be present even if the 'subject of investigation' is not a doctoral student. According to rektor and general guidelines.</li> <li>* Discussing the text about the ethics committee on KTHs web site (possibility to get an ethical 'statement' on your research project).</li> <li>* Will give seminars from next school year (läsår), independently from Stockholm Trio. Invited speakers, both from KTH and other.</li> </ul> <p>Wrote emails to Annika Stensson Tigrell, vice rektor for research about the presence of the topic of doctoral students' situation in the RAE reports. They will raise this when going through the drafts.</p>
Gloria Samosir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 08/04 Pre-meeting for University Board with rektor, together with Charley &amp; Elisabet</li> <li>- 09/04 Presidium meeting with Federico</li> <li>- 12/04 Meeting with Inês to discuss SOTYA and vacancies promotion</li> <li>- 13/04 Strategic Council meeting</li> <li>- 13/04 Meeting with THS Management</li> <li>- 14/04 Language Committee meeting</li> <li>- 14/04 Meeting with the Nominating Committee</li> <li>- 15/04 University Board</li> <li>- 15/04 Delivered SOTYA trophy and diploma to the winner, together with Inês</li> </ul> <p>Ongoing errands and correspondences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Collaborating with Nominating Committee to prepare vacancy application and promotional materials</li> <li>- Preparing the newsletter</li> <li>- Wrote and submitted input to the THS studentinlaga on KTH's work in breddad rekrytering</li> <li>- Ongoing work with COVID-19-related extensions; doctoral students at the ABE school have been particularly vocal about this</li> <li>- Trying to figure out mailing list issues</li> <li>- Watched "Picture a Scientist", to see if we want to organize a screening around this film</li> </ul>

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Jasmin Höglund Hellgren	Attended UN meeting on 14 April, 3h.
Deniz Yildiz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Met with Lisa from KTH Innovation regarding event collaborations</li><li>- Met with Equality Office for event collaborations</li></ul>
Federico Izzo	08/04 Anställningsnämnden 13/04 THSxDr meeting 15/04 THS Ekonomiråd 19/04 Förmöte Fakultetsråd  Attended vicechair, FF and treasury errands

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