



Place: <https://kth-se.zoom.us/j/62257560819>

Time: 17:00-19:00, August 23rd 2021

§1. Opening formalities [17:00-17:15]

- a. Meeting opening
Federico (Chapter Vice Chairperson) declares the meeting open.
- b. Invited: chapter board, head of educational affairs and chapter auditors, head of WOP
Attendees: Saiman Ding, Jing Jing, Ines Lourenco, Federico Izzo, Mohammad Abuasbeh
- c. Choice of meeting chairperson
Saiman is elected meeting chairperson.
- d. Choice of meeting secretary
Federico is elected meeting secretary.
- e. Choice of meeting minutes checker
Jing is elected meeting minutes checker.
- f. Approval of meeting agenda
The meeting agenda is approved.
- g. The latest protocol checking and signing
The protocol is approved

§2. Reports & updates [17:15-17:45]

- a. Board reports
- b. THS Central
The next THSxDr meeting is going to be on Wednesday 1-2pm.
- c. From KTH Central Organizational Bodies
 - i. ISP Focus Group (Federico)
Federico talked with the chairperson two weeks ago. The role of the focus group is to evaluate the proposed changes to the ISP interface. One proposal was about adding a checkbox for the yearly revision meeting in the section 6.1 of eISP. It implies and suggests that the study plan should be updated once a year; this is important for the PhD students and their supervisors. The proposal needs to be further checked with the FA, to find out the measure's usefulness. It is useful to know how many students have the yearly supervision meeting and revision of study plan, as Federico addressed. Designing a poll might be the next step following the thoughts.



§3. Discussion points [17:45-19:20]

a. Seminar on ISP system for School Council

Federico proposed to have a ISP system seminar. The ISP Focus Group chairperson can be available for a seminar where he gives more information about how ISP should work and showcases how to navigate in ISP. We can think about the topics for the seminar, such as confusing points within eISP. Oct 5, 6, 12, 13 are proposed.

It could be useful to have the seminar with different local PhD council members.

More info:

<https://intra.kth.se/en/utbildning/utbildningsadministr/eisp/isp-individuella-studieplaner-for-doktorander-1.653101>

An useful example: Mohammad proposed a small information pamphlet for new students. This would best work at department level or school level, given how different the departments work. On the Dr website already there are some good references, so maybe it's easier and faster to maintain, update, and spread that info compared to create new one: <https://www.dr.kth.se/sulf-doctoral-start-kit/>

b. Contacting VP för utbildning about time compensation document to be sent out to the schools

They finalized the documents and need to be sent out by Leif Kari (vicerektor för utbildning). We need to remind Leif to send out in time, in order to meet the discussed deadline Nov 2021 as the time for the updated guideline delivered.

c. Beginning procedure for Supervisor of the Year Award 2021 (2022?)

When/How

It is suggested to ask the previous jury members if they want to participate again. After that, the board will send an email to all the councils to find more volunteers. The guidelines are already in place from last year. The board will continue the discussion in the next board meeting.

d. Time compensation prognosis for PhD Chapter Board (Autumn 2021)

It will be updated in 2 weeks.

e. Discussion on AlbaNova Gym

The gym inside Alba Nova building has been running for 10 years, but it is going to be closed by KTH management. GVS runs the management of the building, and they decided to close the gym. Many students and employees who work at AlbaNova want to keep it open for their well-being. They asked for the chapter's help, but the board is unsure where to raise the issue within KTH. US doesn't seem to work with this. Could



SR be the right place? The board will send an email to [Maria Granath](#) to gather more information, then talk about it again and update Julius. The board will also be in contact with THS regarding this. In the meanwhile the board needs to further investigate the case, including talking to Ingrid Iliou.

f. Discussion on Migrationsverket policy change affecting PhD students

Saiman spoke with the president at the US pre-meeting and shared PhD Students' concern about the new immigration policy by Migrationsverket. The president suggested the board talk with [Chritina Murray](#) (the arrangement of the meeting is in process). Mohammad shared that a facebook group was created and gathered 1000 members in a week. The group has talked to newspapers, see here [Pil Maria at SFS-DK, SULF](#).

Basics of the case: The interpretation of the new immigration policy by Migrationsverket is 18 months of guaranteed employment after four years residency in Sweden, independent of savings or other factors. This clashes with the usual path of PhD studies (after 4 years only about a year left) and possibility of postdoc (usually one-two years contract).

Current work: SFS-DK is working on a debate article with SULF. The facebook group is working on a petition.

The board can spread information about the [facebook group](#), and will try to schedule a meeting with Tina early next week.

§4. Meeting closure [19:20]

Meeting Chairperson - Saiman Ding

Meeting Secretary - Federico Izzo

Meeting Minutes Checker - Jing Jing



Board reports

Saiman Ding	1 Time compensation documents 2 Docent interview (20/08) 3 Meeting with THS Teo(20/08) 4 Premeeting (23/08)
Federico Izzo	Meeting for ISP Focus Group introduction 11/08 FF participation in docent interview and errands Meeting no.1 ISP Focus Group 23/08