

PhD Chapter at KTH

Place: https://kth-se.zoom.us/j/62257560819 Time: 17:00-18:30, September 20th 2021

§1. Opening formalities [17:11-17:13]

a. Meeting opening

Federico (Chapter Vice Chairperson) declares the meeting open at 17:11

b. Invited: chapter board, head of educational affairs and chapter auditors, head of WOP

Attendees: Federico Izzo, Saiman Ding, Jing Jing, Inês Lourenço, Mohammad Abuasbeh

- c. Choice of meeting chairperson

 Federico was elected as meeting chairperson
- d. Choice of meeting secretary *Inês was elected as secretary*
- e. Choice of meeting minutes checker Saiman was elected as minutes checker
- f. Approval of meeting agenda *The agenda was approved*
- g. The <u>latest protocol</u> checking and signing *The protocol is approved*

§2. Reports & updates [17:13-17:38]

- a. Board reports
 - Board reports are attached to the minutes.
- b. THS Centrali. THS
 - THS Presidents Council

 Federico attended, and also met with the head of the aerospace chapter
 (T-chapter). KTH might want to use the hall as environmental station. If
 that happens it's their responsibility to find us another space for our chapter.
 We can either continue sharing space with the T-chapter in a new place or
 have our chapter move together with other chapters, like the international
 chapter that still doesn't have one, or the Physics chapter which have a higher
 percentage of students pursuing PhDs after their studies.
- c. From KTH Central Organizational Bodies
 - i. FR Extra Meeting

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Federico attended. Writing an official summary of the discussion at the last FR with the Nominating Committee for the new rektor. Discussion of the right keywords to use for the new rektor nomination. Agreed that the rektor should agree with the core values of KTH.

ii. Meeting with ASP reading group

Federico attended. Workgroup created by UN. Discussed the two programs

that came in. All programs have to include sustainability, ethics, equality in
their study plans.

d. PhD Chapter/Council meetings

- Council Chairs meeting #2

 Saiman, Inês, Mohammad and Federico attended. i) Talked about the time compensation. The chairs will talk to their FAs to discuss how much time they would like to have for the representational duties at the school(s). In a later meeting they will discuss if it is fair. ii) Saiman will have a meeting with the chair of ABE tomorrow. iii) Discussed the doctoral representative for the cooperation with other universities.
- ii. Supervisor of the Year Award

 Inês presents. Discussed and advertised at the Council Chairs meeting. There
 are at least three interested members, and by Friday we should have an
 almost complete jury.
- iii. New PhD students Leaflet
 Inês presents the leaflet draft, with keywords of topics students can be
 interested in. They will be put on Slack to get feedback from the board.

§3. Decision points [17:38-17:38]

§4. Discussion points [17:38-18:30]

- a. Representative to Stipendierådet
 Stipendieråd has asked for a representative. Inês explained what happened in the last
 meetings and volunteered to continue. Jing offered to help if needed.
- b. Ongoing work about Migrationsverket policy change

 Mohammad talked about the interview given and updated the numbers of signatures
 of the petition, almost 4000. The unions are working on a joint statement to be
 attached to the petition when communicating with all entities. SULF has published a
 page with all parliament members and an e-mail that can be sent to them to raise
 awareness of the issue.

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- c. Course credits compensation via time reduction at ABE school

 A mandatory course that had already been taken before in the Masters was accepted
 to be transferred as credits to the PhD, but the credits were converted to time and that
 time was removed from the PhD study time. This was signed by many people,
 including the FA, and is a work-around that should not be accepted and needs to be
 handled. The school council should raise the issue. Proposal for how to move forward:
 Jing documents this problem, Mohammad informs Vicerektor för utbildning and
 asks for action.
- d. Booking of the Chapter hall (T-Centralen, shared with T-Chapter)

 We can book the hall using the calendar. We will ask for more information about requirements and how to host events.
- e. Time-compensation prognosis for the board HT21

 <u>Time compensation prognosis for PhD Chapter Board (Autumn 2021)</u>

 Saiman is handling the preparation of the document. It will be sent out together with the others.
- f. Proposals for spending the budget
 - Online seminar on mental health with invited (paid) speaker
 - ii. Online seminar on job market presentation with LinkedIn experts *The discussion is tabled.*
- g. Date and preparation for the next Chapter Meeting

 The discussion is tabled

§5. Meeting closure [18:30]

Federico declares the meeting closed
Meeting Chairperson - Fedrico Izzo
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Meeting Secretary - Inês Lourenço
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Meeting Minutes Checker - Saiman Ding



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Board member	Report
Saiman Ding	14/09 chair meeting, answer emails 15/09 Email, document, activities organize coordination
Federico Izzo	07/09 Meeting with T-sektion ordförande 07/09 THS Ordföranderåd 14/09 Council Chairs meeting 20/09 FR extra meeting 20/09 ASP reading group meeting Executive errands, FF errands, Communication errands
Jing Jing	Communications with Sustainability reference group and Gender equality office, arrens of the chapter works (documents proofread and signing), participation in Docentship interview (Sep 16)
Inês Lourenço	14/09 - Attended the council chairs meeting, to talk about the jury of the Supervisor or the Year award. Contacted the THS Armada team to discuss the possibility of having events dedicated to PhD students, but still waiting for an answer. Kept working on the flyers