

PhD Chapter at KTH

Place: https://kth-se.zoom.us/j/69303912368 Time: 17:00-19:00, November 29th 2021

§1. Opening formalities [17:00-17:10]

a. Meeting opening

Federico (Chapter Vice Chairperson) declares the meeting open at 17:06.

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

Attendees: Federico Izzo, Saiman Ding, Jing Jing, Mohammad Abuasbeh.

c. Choice of meeting chairperson

Federico was elected.

d. Choice of meeting secretary

Jing was elected.

e. Choice of meeting minutes checker

Saiman was elected.

f. Approval of meeting agenda

Addition of point 2.c.iv and point 3.c.i. The agenda is approved.

g. The latest protocol checking and signing

The latest protocol is approved.

§2. Reports & updates [17:10-18:00]

a. Board reports

Board reports are attached to the minutes.

- b. THS Central
 - i. THS x Dr
 - -Federico attended the meeting today. One note is that meetings at the chapter hall with more than 100 participants are supposed to need to validate the vaccin pass, effective from 1 Dec 2021.
 - -UN meeting, Amarda will share in the slack
 - -15th of December, will meet the new board
 - -A meeting about the move of the Chapter hall, on 7th of December, 5:30pm (Federico said he would attend)
- c. From KTH Central Organizational Bodies
 - i. Strategic Council (SR)

Jing attended virtually. It was a workshop on the future development of KTH. They discussed areas KTH should develop in the future, for example

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the core values. One interesting concept was "levande campus"- livable campus, more attractive for students (including PhDs). Another topic was risk analysis.

Tomorrow there's going to be another meeting about equality office report

ii. Third Cycle Education Committee premeeting (FU)

Mohammad attended. Follow-up on the suggestions done at the other

meeting.

iii. Meeting with EECS HR

Days for extension. HR and Federico did not manage to convince one another. The PhD Chapter will simply continue to calculate the days of extension with the knowledge of what HR expects the days to be calculated.

iv. Meeting with GVS-HR

Mohammad met with HR staff from GVS. A short report is done by HR to assess the impact of the Aliens Act and the consequences on future recruitment of PhDs. Mohammad pointed out that the report was inaccurate because it did undervalue the consequences on future recruitment. The HR staff talked about the lengths of the contracts, that currently PhDs were given yearly extension while the contract can be made at the length of 2-year at a time according to HR. The conditions of one-year contract at a time and the extension is only given at the end of the fourth or fifth year have a negative impact on PhDs due to the Aliens Act situation. A proposal to mitigate the problem is that the contract should be extended (if extension is required through sick leave/parental leave/commission of trust) at the fourth year. Meanwhile, a survey was sent out (SFS-DK contributed) on the topic to raise the issue of the impact of the Aliens Act on PhDs and future employment through collecting quantitative data from PhDs. Percentage of non-EU PhD students at KTH: 40% (source: UKÄ). About 2500 responses so far, from all Sweden, 60% PhDs, 40% postdocs/researchers, and 55% non-EU PhDs (incld. 60% KTH PhD respondents).

§3. Decision points [18:00-18:05]

a. Per capsulam decision 2021-11-26. Approval of application for funds:
 SCI PhD Council 2021 Election meeting and dinner (SCI) - 50000kr. The decision was approved with a majority of votes.

The decision was ratified.

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b. Per capsulam decision 2021-11-26. Appointment of Kian Shaker as doctoral student representative to KTHs "Committee for the investigation of suspected deviation from good research practices" (Sv. KTH:s kommitté för utredning av misstänkt avvikelse från god forskningssed). Appointment was approved with unanimous approval.

The decision was ratified.

- c. Application for funds:
 - i. Preliminary request for PhD fika for PAD, Council, and Chapter presentation at MMK program (ITM) 1000kr
 Approved pending the submission of the application for funds document.

§4. Discussion points [18:05-18:30]

- a. Testaments for board members whose mandates are ending in December.

 Write a short testaments and help out the new board members.
- b. Time-compensation for Central and School-level positions HT21

 The document is available at this link. The current board will try to finalize and send it to the administration before the mandate ends. Saiman will also start the document for the schools, even if the next board finalizes it.
- c. Chapter meeting no.2 preparations *A discussion will be held on Slack.*
- d. PhD-Pub

 The discussion is tabled.

§5. Meeting closure [18:30]

Federico declares the meeting closed at 18:30.

| Meeting Chairperson - Federico Izzo | |
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| Board member | Report |
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| Federico Izzo | 29/11 THSxDr Preparations of the Chapter Meeting n.2 FF errands, Operational errands, Executive errands |
| Saiman Ding | School council errands 29/11 board meeting Preliminary prepare for time compensation document for school level |