

PhD Chapter at KTH

Place: https://kth-se.zoom.us/j/62936682238

Time: 16:00-18:00, January 31st 2022

§1. Opening formalities [16:00-16:10]

a. Meeting opening

The meeting started at 16:12.

b. Invited: chapter board

Attending: Mohammad Abuasbeh, Daniel Berlin, Saumey Jain, Fabio De Ferrari,

Jing Jing, Sahba Zojaji

Missing: Mayank Sewlia

c. Choice of meeting chairperson

Mohammad Abuasbeh

d. Choice of meeting secretary

Daniel Berlin

e. Choice of meeting minutes checker

Fabio De Ferrari

f. Approval of meeting agenda

Approved

g. The <u>latest protocol</u> checking and signing

Approved

§2. Reports & updates [16:20-17:45]

- a. Board reports
 - i. The board report process is discussed.
 - ii. Saumey Jain has been in contact with THS concerning bookkeeping and looking into using Fortnox (THS pays for one license).
 - iii. Daniel Berlin has been in contact with the ABE council concerning reporting of extension due to covid-19. The ABE council is now investigating why they are urged to report extensions differently within the ABE school than what is written in the <u>KTH guidelines</u>. The ABE council will keep the board updated on this matter.

b. THS Central

i. Meetings with THS

Mohammad informs the board about monthly hour-long meetings during last year and will investigate with the THS president if this should continue during 2022.

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- c. From KTH Central Organizational Bodies
 - i. University Board (Sv. Universitetsstyrelsen, US) (current rep. Mohammad)

 Mohammad informs that he will attend the next meeting on February 17.

 He asked to add the changes to the aliens act to the agenda for the meeting with the intent to have the KTH board take a more active position against the changes and for doctoral students at KTH and in Sweden.
 - ii. Faculty Council (Sv. Fakultetsråd, FR) (current rep. Mayank)

 Mayank is absent from this meeting.
 - iii. Education Council (Sv. Utbildningsnämnd, UN) (current rep. Daniel)

 Daniel reports that there will be a meeting next week.
 - iv. Third Cycle Education Committee (Sv. Forskarutbildningsutskottet, FU) (current rep. Daniel)
 Daniel reports from the meeting on January 24. Important points that were discussed was a new introduction for all doctoral students, an internal revision of the individual study plan, and that courses are the main focus for developing research education during 2022.
 - v. Language Committee (Sv. Språkkommittén) (current rep. Daniel)

 Daniel reports that there has not been any meeting that he is aware of, but will approach the administrators in the committee before the next board meeting.
 - vi. Employment Council (Sv. Anställningsnämnden, AN)(current rep. Saumey)

 Saumey reports that he has not attended any meeting and that it is possible that the council is not aware of him.
 - vii. Future Faculty errands (current rep. Saumey)

 Saumey reports that he has struggled somewhat with getting in contact with different school councils.
 - viii. ASP reading group (created by UN) (current rep. Saumey)

 Saumey reports that he has not had any contact with the ASP reading group

 and does not know whom to contact. He will get in contact with Alice Eklund.
 - ix. Scholarship Council (Sv. Stipendierådet) (current rep. Fabio)

 Fabio reports that he has not been in contact with the scholarship council, but with his predecessor Ines. Until the next meeting he will contact the administrators for the scholarship council.
 - x. Strategic Council (Sv. Strategiskt råd, SR) (current rep. Jing)

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Jing reports that the last meeting discussed internal communication. GVS has given a presentation of the overview of the internal communication at KTH, followed by reflections from the school directors and group discussions. There are positive examples that showcase the improvements of internal communications at school and central levels. Meanwhile, the question of how to effectively reach all people affiliated with KTH needs to be further explored, for example different group mailing addresses that include or exclude industrial PhD students.

- xi. Academic Reference Group for Sustainability (current rep. Jing)

 Jing reports that there has not been any meeting.
- xii. Equality council (current rep. Jing)

 Jing reports that there will be a meeting in two weeks.
- xiii. ISP focus group (current rep. Sahba)

 Sahba reports that there will be two meetings this week. The first meeting is an introduction to the system on February 1. The second meeting, on February 4, is the official ISP focus group meeting.
- xiv. Ethics Council (Sv. Etikutskottet) (current rep. Kian) *No updates from Kian.*

§3. Discussion points [17:45-18:25]

a. Time-compensation for <u>Central and School-level positions HT21</u> <u>School-level</u>.

Saiman and Federico from the previous board prepare it. Saiman is in contact with the new council's coordinator Mayank to hand over. Mohammad will support Mayank to finalize it if needed.

b. Time-compensation prognosis VT22 for Central- and National-level representatives.

Each board member calculates a prognosis for this semester until the next board meeting.

- c. Supervisor of the year award (SotYA 2022)

 Sahba is interested to know more, but has not been in contact with Ines since the last board meeting. He will send an email to her or get in contact with her via Slack before the next board meeting.
- d. Covid restrictions and recommendation from THS

 There was an update by THS on January 14th and information is found <u>bere</u> and <u>bere</u>.

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- e. PhD Pubs
 - Mohammad suggests that Sahba looks into arranging pubs in accordance with the regulations and comes with a suggestion to the rest of the board in the next meeting.
- f. The procedure of allocating budget to activities organized by school councils.

 Saumey has started thinking about this and suggests that he presents an idea for the board to discuss in the next board meeting.
- g. Migrationsverket communication and organizational responsibilities
 - i. PhD Chapter <u>article in Osqledaren</u> Read this article for an overview.
 - ii. Aliens Act SurveyA report will be presented during a special session in the parliament.
 - iii. Manifestations

 There will be manifestations taking place around Sweden. Mohammad asks if the board is willing to organize a demonstration in Stockholm and will look into details until the next board meeting.

§4. Decision points [18:25-18:30]

- a. Per-capsulam decision 2022-01-19. Approval of expenditure of 2500kr for two Council events organized by SCI Council. The decision was approved with 5 yes. *The decision is ratified.*
- §5. Meeting closure [18:30]

Free chat with the Presidium [18:30-18:45]