

PhD Chapter at KTH

Place: https://kth-se.zoom.us/j/62936682238 Time: 16:00-18:00, February 14th 2022

§1. Opening formalities [16:10-16:20]

a. Meeting opening

The meeting opens at 16.10.

b. Invited: chapter board

Attendees: Mahammad, Sahba Zojaji, Fabio De Ferrari, Jing Jing, Saumey Jain

c. Choice of meeting chairperson

Mohammad Abuasbeh

d. Choice of meeting secretary

Jing

e. Choice of meeting minutes checker

Fabio

f. Approval of meeting agenda

The meeting agenda is approved.

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

§2. Reports & updates [16:20-17:15]

- a. Board reports
- b. THS Central
 - i. Meetings with THS

Saumey received access to Fortnox and the tools he needs to accomplish his treasurer functions. He is in touch with Vendela (THS VOrdf) to navigate the bookkeeping and other practical issues.

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

 Mohammad and Teo (THS) communicated with rektor to add the Aliens Act
 issue to the meeting agenda. This will be discussed further in the pre-meeting
 tomorrow (15th February)
 - ii. Faculty Council (Sv. Fakultetsråd, FR) (current rep. Mayank)

 Mayank has been appointed to the Faculty Council, as per the email forwarded from THS centrally to FR.
 - iii. Education Council (Sv. Utbildningsnämnd, UN) (current rep. Daniel)

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Daniel participated in the first meeting on 9th Feb. The meeting discussed the theme of future education (in Swedish: Framtidens utbildning) and this is going to be continually discussed in the coming meetings. The next meeting will be on 23th March.

iv. Third Cycle Education Committee (Sv. Forskarutbildningsutskottet, FU) (current rep. Daniel)

No meeting since the last board meeting (no. 12). A minor review of the Guideline on Third-Cycle Studies (Sv. Riktlinje om utbildning på forskarnivå) is ongoing. Daniel has looked through the changes and considered them reasonable.

- v. Language Committee (Sv. Språkkommittén) (current rep. Daniel)

 Daniel confirmed that he was registered as a member of the committee. The first meeting took place on 28 Jan, 2022. The next meeting is on March 29.
- vi. Employment Council (Sv. Anställningsnämnden, AN)(current rep. Saumey)

 Saumey participated in the last meeting. There is a sense that the main employment meeting, 2 times/month, is necessary for the board to take part.
- vii. Scholarship Council (Sv. Stipendierådet) (current rep. Fabio)

 Fabio has reached out to the council and has been added to the group as the PhD representative.
- viii. ISP focus group (current rep. Sahba)

 Sahba participated in a meeting about the improvement of ISP, reviewing 9

 proposals from all Swedish universities together with the focus group. 1

 proposal removing the comment log of the established ISP, was rejected by

 KTH internally, though this can be changed after opinions from all other

 universities summarized. KTH has responded to the rest of the 8 proposals

 positively. The final results of the improvement suggestions depend on all

 participating universities' reflections.

§3. Discussion points [17:15-18:10]

a. The procedure of allocating budget to activities organized by school councils.

Mohammad has talked about using the application SLACK to communicate on the allocation budget to activities more timely.

Saumey has presented a structure for the budget approval procedures with proposals. For events under the budget at the amount of X, can be automatically approved. The board agrees on what has been proposed in Saumey's presentation.

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- b. Migrationsverket communication and organizational responsibilities (Mohammad reports)
 - i. PhD Chapter article in Osqledaren.
 - ii. Aliens Act Survey Report Final draft is ready and sent for proof reading by all involved organizations
 - iii. Mohammad had a preparation Meeting with Vice-Rektor Stefan Östlund about KTH participation in <u>Svenskt Näringsliv-KTH Seminar</u> about new Aliens Act and its impact on PhD student sand researchers. Vice-Rektor Stefan Östlund presented a clear supportive view on how necessary it is to have an exemption for PhD students and researchers. Mohammad has attended the seminar at where vice rektor Stefan Östlund, industry, government and parliament party representatives were present.
 - iv. Three planned manifestations organized by PhD chapters in Lund (19th February), Gothenburg (26th February) and Uppsala (6th March). There is a current discussion between Stockholm Universities on planning one in Stockholm after the one in Uppsala
- c. Time-compensation for Central and School-level positions HT21 School-level:
 - Dr2021-CP-04_RHT1 on doctoral representatives winter number collection...

 Mohammad and Saumey to look into this and wrap it up taking some help from Saiman till Mayank is back to take it over.
- d. Time-compensation prognosis VT22 for Central- and National-level representatives.
 - All the board members should come up with a prognosis for their time compensation for VT22 by the next meeting.
- e. Supervisor of the year award (SotYA 2022)

 Ines and Sahba sent emails to the school council to appoint juries by 17 February.
- f. PhD Pubs & Covid restrictions and recommendation from THS.

 COVID restrictions are lifted. Sahba will confirm if any local KTH restrictions are still in place.

§4. Decision points [18:10-18:30]

a. Per-capsulam decision 2022-02-10. Approval of expenditure of 2500kr for one Council event organized by EECS Council. The decision was approved with 5 yes. *The decision is ratified.*

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b. SFS 100 anniversary celebration invitation

Place: Stockholm, time: 19th March, more information about the event: https://sfs.se/en/sfs-100-arsjubileum/sfs100-festen/. The invitation is sent to PhD chapter board members in Sweden. The event requires tickets, each ticket costs 700 kr. The board approves the purchases of up to 7 tickets for the board to attend depending on ticket availability.

§5. Meeting closure [18:30]