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Time: 17:00-19:00, December 13th 2021

§1. Opening formalities [17:22-17:25]

- a. Meeting opening
Federico (Chapter Vice Chairperson) declares the meeting open at 17:22
- b. Invited: chapter board, head of educational affairs and chapter auditors, head of WOP
Attendees: Federico Izzo, Inês Lourenco, Saiman Ding, Jing Jing, Mohammad, Abuasbeh
- c. Choice of meeting chairperson
Federico is elected meeting chairperson
- d. Choice of meeting secretary
Inês is elected meeting secretary
- e. Choice of meeting minutes checker
Saiman is elected meeting minutes checker
- f. Approval of meeting agenda
The agenda was approved with the addition of point 2c)-v.
- g. The latest protocol checking and signing
The protocol is approved.

§2. Reports & updates [17:25-18:27]

- a. Board reports
Board reports are attached to the minutes.
- b. THS Central
There will be a meeting on Wednesday at 10-11am. The main goal is to introduce the new board, which will be elected tomorrow.
- c. From KTH Central Organizational Bodies
 - i. Faculty Council (Sv. Fakultetsråd, FR)
There was a meeting on Thursday. Since the last meeting a document has been being prepared about what FR does and would like to do in the future, describing the overall goals, e.g., improving quality of research, education, quality assurance, etc. Can be useful for new people joining FR. In 2027, KTH will celebrate 200 years. The vice-rector for research presented a short report about the Research Assessment Exercises (RAE) that happened during 2021. It's a good source of information about how departments are organised



and how that affects PhD students. The department will have to propose a plan to overcome the problematic findings pointed out by the RAE. They will be taken into account in quality reports this year.

There was a plan about the continuous quality assurance and the time plan is clear now. The next board should read all documents that the school sent and help the school councils comment them. The future representatives to FU, FR or UN should write some comments about the summary.

ii. Strategic Council (Sv. Strategiskt råd, SR)

The last meeting was two weeks ago. They talked about the JML report and discussed the migrationsverket issue. They put gender first and not diversity. There was not an action plan for diversity. Jing commented that the content does not match the titles they announce. The answer is that they focus on the biggest issue first. There was a question about the impact in recruitment of PhD students regarding gender equality.

iii. Third Cycle Education Committee (Sv. Forskarutbildningsutskottet, FU)

Had a follow up on the migration legislation issue regarding the motion of addressing the contracts of PhD students who are eligible for extension. Meeting with the head of HR of KTH and Lotta from KTH relocation, Leif Kari and Chrstina Murray, regarding a proposal from Mohammad. Update from all councils regarding this issue. SUHF has published a document regarding the aliens act. It complains about problems in the previous and new law regarding PhDs and post-docs and their families. Their conclusion is that there is an urgent need for an exemption. 3 major institutions published articles in newspapers (see links below) saying that this is harmful for research and industry. Entities representing both employees and employers are united in one goal and opinion.

[-https://subf.se/app/uploads/2021/12/Skrivelse-fran-SUHF-rorande-nya-krav-for-att-fa-permanent-uppehallstillstand-2021-12-07.pdf](https://subf.se/app/uploads/2021/12/Skrivelse-fran-SUHF-rorande-nya-krav-for-att-fa-permanent-uppehallstillstand-2021-12-07.pdf)

[-https://www.dn.se/debatt/ge-alla-utlandska-forskare-permanent-uppehallstillstand/?fbclid=IwAR0S0XdVOl-YbH0ugd3OWQZPs9X_eEb7VEomZohr0kxk0ni35bAlzOvOeB0](https://www.dn.se/debatt/ge-alla-utlandska-forskare-permanent-uppehallstillstand/?fbclid=IwAR0S0XdVOl-YbH0ugd3OWQZPs9X_eEb7VEomZohr0kxk0ni35bAlzOvOeB0)

[-https://www.svd.se/migrationsreglerna-slar-mot-forskningen?fbclid=IwAR13ggN2z554kDQbZNRrlWdKUNSSGx6ZHV6kfyQexPGcVViV6JLPBOSzeKk](https://www.svd.se/migrationsreglerna-slar-mot-forskningen?fbclid=IwAR13ggN2z554kDQbZNRrlWdKUNSSGx6ZHV6kfyQexPGcVViV6JLPBOSzeKk)

iv. Ethics Committee (Sv. Etikskottet)

Kian Shaker (representative to the Ethics Committee) sent the following report:

Etikskottet was asked to review a PhD thesis at KTH (on artistic



research) and identify potential ethical concerns in the content. However, we agreed that the role of Etiketskottet should not be to review publications/theses after the research has already been conducted. The role of Etiketskottet is to give guidance in ethical questions to researchers at KTH before actually carrying out the research, so that they can ensure that the data collection is ethically sound.

First meeting next year (25/1-2022) we will discuss the possibilities to organize more seminars on ethics-related topics. Only 1 seminar has been organized this autumn but with very few participants.

To the board: *Suggestions of seminar topics that could interest PhD students at KTH are highly welcomed*

v. University Board (Sv. Universitetsstyrelsen)

The meeting took place in 08/12. Discussed what happened in the KTH media, etc. Talked about IT security, gender equality, and the REA conclusions - see below.

Conclusions after research assessment exercise

Recommendation on sustainable development

There seems to be a gap between ambitions for sustainable development at central KTH level and the activities at KTH's departments, try to get a better connection between different levels within KTH

Show more clearly that sustainable development is important within KTH by a) awarding prizes, b) appointing a strategic council, c) including sustainable development in tenure track and salary talks, d) and through individual profiled recruitments

Recommendation on increased quality of research at KTH and increased impact

KTH has identified many different ways to achieve impact, it may be good to refine paths to impact to fewer typical ways to do this. Develop key structures that bind together and strengthen all the initiatives taken. There is also no incentive for employees who work with impact, instead this should be built into e.g. career paths and in job appointments, but there should also be incentives for groups, including institutions, to celebrate successes more and develop the role of impact leader



Recommendation on research infrastructure

KTH's investment in "KTH infrastructures" is commendable and important, but still modest in relation to the importance and costs of the infrastructures. It is desirable that KTH develops a strategy that makes visible the real benefits of working with "KTH infrastructures", what this gives both KTH as a whole and the respective infrastructure

§3. Decision points [18:27-18:33]

- a. Per capsulam decision 2021-11-30. Approval of application for funds pending receipt of application for funding: EGI Department PhD event and workshop (ITM) - 10000kr. The decision was approved with a majority of votes..

Decision is ratified.

§4. Discussion points [18:33-19:12]

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

In progress.

- b. Short summary of things for the new board to take over

This is a document that we in the board will all try to fill in. Add links, contact persons. What can be forwarded to schools.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IcatP0KLimP3fRwinZyR0mvAEkYpa_Qekt8qtGGcadk/edit#heading=h.6qp504f221sq

- c. Time-compensation for Central and School-level positions HT21

Mention in the testaments the time compensation with new calculations.

Central level

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MjDzeniUFMqdM-m89lBHrGrLvOVSSb1E27RNr3HvsNI/edit#heading=h.7723gql0l1gi>

School-level:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1s6H7VdUo9OJwvRaUQrijuMdEforQJ0iKmmcwGmhYl5M/edit#heading=h.gjdgxs>

- d. Chapter meeting no.2 preparations

Board report from last year, auditors report and elections. Potential roles:

Meeting secretary: possibly Jing

Vote counters: possibly Inês and Mohammad

Meeting minutes checker: possibly Inês



§5. Meeting closure [19:12]

Meeting Chairperson - Federico Izzo

Meeting Secretary - Ines Lourenco

Meeting Minutes Checker - Saiman Ding



Board member	Report
Saiman Ding	Time compensation document US meeting 08/12
Federico Izzo	06/12 FR premeeting 09/12 FR meeting Chapter Meeting errands, Operational errands, FF errands, Testaments errands
Inês Lourenco	Time compensation calculations Writing the testament for my mandates: February 2020 to December 2021