

Chapter Meeting no. 4 – June 13th 2022

Minutes



PhD Chapter at KTH

Place: PhD Chapter Hall “T-Centralen”, Drottning Kristinas väg 29

Time: Monday, June 13th 2022, 17:17-21:05

1. Opening formalities [17.20-17:28]

- a. Meeting opening
 - i. 17:20
- b. Attendees
 - i. See attached attendance list
 1. One person leaves the meeting at 20:00
 2. During dinner break, 20:10-20:25, 9 persons leave the meeting
 3. One person leaves the meeting at 20:50
 4. One person leaves the meeting at 20:59
- c. Choice of meeting chairperson
 - i. Mohammad Abuasbeh
- d. Choice of meeting vote counters
 - i. Sahba Zojaji and Alessandro Enrico
- e. Choice of meeting secretary
 - i. Daniel Berlin
- f. Choice of meeting minutes checker
 - i. Jing Jing and Fabio De Ferrari
 1. Fabio De Ferrari leaves at 20:15
 2. Valentina Leva takes over the responsibility at 20:26
- g. Approval of the [latest protocol](#)
 - i. Approved
- h. Approval of [rules of conduct, motion handling, voting procedure](#)
 - i. Approved
- i. Approval of the meeting agenda
 - i. Mohammad Abuasbeh suggests adding an election point for standard bearers and an information point for THS centrally. The meeting accepts the additions to the agenda.
 - ii. Alessandro Enrico asks to return to this point at 18:15, which is approved by the meeting
 1. His suggestion is to change point 3. a to “members” instead of “member”. This is approved by the chapter meeting.
 - iii. A typo in the agenda is corrected. Point 4 b is changed from “PhD Chapter Board Elections (June 2022 - July 2023)” to “PhD Chapter Board Elections (July 2022 - June 2023)”.

2. Introductions and Reports [17.28 - 18.15]

- a. Introduction to the PhD Chapter and PhD School Councils



- i. Mohammad Abuasbeh introduces the chapter structure and doctoral student representation at KTH.
 - b. Activity Report from the Board
 - i. Mohammad Abuasbeh shares the activity report from the board including educational activities (surveys, supervision, courses, Swedish language courses), events at central level (supervisor of the year award, study visit to industry, AcroYoga, climbing), support for events at school and program level, operational activities (time compensation, budget allocation), and work environment activities (JML groups, migration law).
 - ii. Mohammad Abuasbeh explains the work with the migration law, which is a collaborative endeavor together with several national organizations such as SFS, SFS-DK, SULF, SUHF, Svenskt Näringsliv and others.
 - c. Information from THS centrally
 - i. Amanda Andrén, Head of Educational Affairs at THS, informs the chapter meeting that she is now handing over to her successor as her mandate of one year ends. Her successor was previously in the role as Head of Educational Affairs.
 - ii. Amanda tells the chapter meeting that all doctoral students, who want, will get access to the chapter hall from Autumn. Doctoral students will receive access through a registration form, which will be distributed at a later point in time.
 - d. Activity Report from the School Councils
 - i. ABE
 1. No representative for ABE is present, so Mohammad Abuasbeh reports
 - a. There are now PADs for all programs.
 - b. The council is working on time compensation together with Mohammad Abausbeh.
 - ii. CBH
 1. No representative for CBH is present, so Mohammad Abuasbeh reports
 - a. The council has carried out social events after COVID19 restriction period.
 - b. The council is working on time compensation.
 - iii. EECS
 1. Sina Sheikholeslami reports
 - a. The EECS-council has launched a survey to all EECS doctoral students, which is ongoing.
 - b. The council has organized two social events since the previous chapter meeting.



- c. Meetings in EECS, including JML groups, are being held in Swedish, which is an issue for doctoral student representation.
- iv. ITM
 - 1. Mohammad Abuasbeh reports
 - a. Using the results from the survey conducted during autumn 2021, the council has during spring been running problem-cause correlation analysis to identify potential causes and help ITM management to take more effective solutions.
 - b. The work group of the 2022 autumn survey has started preparing the survey to be conducted during September 2022.
 - c. The council is now complete with members in all roles, including PADs for each program.
 - d. The communication between ITM management and doctoral student representatives has improved markedly.
 - e. The ITM management are taking actions, such as through an improved webpage and developed introduction course for ITM doctoral students, starting a supervisors' council to improve supervision of PhD students (starting autumn 2022) and concrete financial proposals to fund PhD courses.
- v. SCI
 - 1. Mattias Åstrand reports
 - a. Proud of the council members. Active members both at school and program levels.
 - b. Many JML events, such as workshops and reports.
 - c. Other events, such as time management and social events, have been organized and are planned.
 - d. Contribute to the SCI newsletter and are present online.
 - e. The FA, Anna Delin, is stepping down. A document is formulated to inform the new person in the role about the position of the school council.
 - f. A wish is that more people would get a FEST and STAD license so that more pubs can be organized.
 - i. Saumey Jain clarifies that Swedish is needed to take the courses.
 - ii. Based on the brief discussion following the statement, it seems possible to pass the course without knowing Swedish.



- iii. Saumey Jain and Mohammad Abuasbeh clarify that the board typically covers the cost.

3. Decision Points [18.15 - 18.20]

- a. Approval of Resignation of a Nomination Committee Members
 - i. Alessandro Enrico asks to resign at the end of June, since he is leaving KTH, and Mohammad Abuasbeh asks to formally accept his resignation sent to the board and effective as of May 31, as he was nominated for a board position that is open for election in this chapter meeting. Therefore, he was excluded from all the nomination committee work regarding nominees candidacy evaluation for all positions and the nomination committee report for this Chapter elections. The chapter meeting approves.
- b. Approval of Resignation of the Council Coordinator
 - i. Mayank Sewlia, who is not present in the meeting, sent his resignation to the board on May 31. Unexpected workload makes him unable to fulfill his tasks as council coordinator. The board asks the chapter meeting to formally accept Mayank's resignation. The chapter meeting approves.

4. Elections [18.20-21:05]

- a. Introduction to the election procedures and the Nominating Committee Report
 - i. Sina Sheikholeslami introduces the election procedures. The chapter meeting discusses procedures for roles with several applicants. It is decided that secret count will be used for roles with several applicants. For roles with one applicant, simple vote by raised hand will be used.
 - ii. Alessandro Enrico describes the work of the nomination committee.
 - iii. Sina briefly describes the content of the [Nomination Committee Report](#).
- b. PhD Chapter Board Elections (July 2022 - June 2023)
 - i. Events Manager
 - 1. Sina Sheikholeslami informs the chapter meeting that the nomination committee suggests considering electing Beatriz Pérez Horno and Sahba Zojaji for the position of Event Manager.
 - 2. Beatriz Pérez Horno is the first to give a brief presentation, which centers around using events to help doctoral students from outside Sweden get into Swedish society.
 - 3. Sahba Zojaji is the second to give a brief presentation, which centers around continuing the work he has started as the current events manager. He announces that he wishes to withdraw himself from the election, since he will nominate himself for the role of business manager instead.



4. After a short discussion, Beatriz is elected as events manager (25 votes in favor).
- ii. Education Manager
 1. Sina Sheikholeslami informs the chapter meeting that the nomination committee suggests considering electing Doğa Gürgünoğlu for the position of Education Manager.
 2. Doğa Gürgünoğlu gives a brief presentation, which centers around his experience of coming to KTH as doctoral student from a foreign country.
 3. After a brief discussion, Doğa Gürgünoğlu is elected as education manager (22 votes in favor).
- iii. Webmaster
 1. Sina Sheikholeslami informs the chapter meeting that the nomination committee suggests considering electing Daniel Araújo de Medeiros for the position of Webmaster.
 2. Daniel Araújo de Medeiros gives a brief presentation, which centers around improving the current webpage.
 3. After a short discussion, Daniel Araújo de Medeiros is elected as webmaster (23 votes in favor).
- iv. Work Groups Manager
 1. Daniel Araújo de Medeiros declines his nomination.
 2. The chapter meeting decides to open for free nominations.
 3. Elina Charatsidou is nominated by Mohammad Abuasbeh and accepts the nomination.
 4. Elina Charatsidou gives a brief presentation, which centers around fighting sexual harassment and discrimination.
 5. After a brief discussion, Elina Charatsidou is elected as work groups manager (24 votes in favor).
- v. Chairperson
 1. Sina Sheikholeslami informs the chapter meeting that the nomination committee suggests considering electing Mohammad Abuasbeh, Mohit Daga, and Tage Mohammadat for the position of Chairperson.
 2. Mohammad Abuasbeh gives a brief presentation, which centers around continuing his work as current chairperson.
 3. Mohit Daga gives a presentation, which centers around previous experience on the chapter board and in Kårfullmäktige (KF).
 4. Tage Mohammadat gives a brief presentation, which centers around previous experience in SFS DK and the labor union ST.
 5. Secret count will be used for this role, since there are several applicants.



6. 22 votes in total. Mohammad Abuasbeh is elected for the position of chairperson (16 votes in favor). Mohit Daga receives 2 votes in favor, Tage Mohammadat receives 3 votes in favor and 1 person votes to abstain.
- c. PhD Chapter Board by-elections (Until Dec 2022)
 - i. Business Manager
 1. The chapter meeting decides to open for free nominations.
 2. Mohammad Abuasbeh and Mohit Daga nominate Sahba Zojaji who accepts the nomination.
 3. The chapter meeting votes immediately and Sahba Zojaji is elected (14 votes in favor). 1 person votes to abstain.
 - ii. Vice Chairperson
 1. The chapter meeting decides to open for free nominations.
 2. All nominees decline and the position remains open.
 - iii. Council Coordinator
 1. The chapter meeting decides to open for free nominations.
 2. All nominees decline and the position remains open.
 - d. PhD Chapter Functionaries
 - i. Election of 2022 Nominating Committee (2 positions)
 1. The chapter meeting decides to elect 3 positions, since Alessandro Enrico resigned earlier during the chapter meeting.
 2. Sina Sheikholeslami informs the chapter meeting that the nomination committee suggests considering electing Federico Izzo and Mohit Daga for the functionary position of member of the nominating committee.
 3. The chapter meeting decides to open for free nominations.
 4. Mohammad Abuasbeh nominates Daniel Berlin who accepts the nomination.
 5. Saumeey Jain nominates Jing Jing who accepts the nomination.
 6. Mohit Daga announces that he is withdrawing his application.
 7. The chapter meeting proceeds to voting for all candidates at once. Federico Izzo, Daniel Berlin, and Jing Jing are elected for the functionary position of members of the nominating committee (12 votes in favor).
 - ii. Election of 2022 Auditors (2 positions)
 1. The chapter meeting decides to open for free nominations.
 2. Sina Sheikholeslami informs the chapter meeting that Anna-Karin Högfeldt has been nominated to the position of auditor during the nomination period and that she confirmed her acceptance of her nomination by email to the nomination committee after their report was published.



3. Mohammad Abuasbeh and Mohit Daga nominate Pil Maria Saugmann who accepts the nomination.
 4. The chapter meeting proceeds to voting for all candidates at once. Anna-Karin Högfeldt and Pil Maria Saugmann (pilmaria.saugmann@sfs.se) are elected for the functionary position of auditors (13 votes in favor).
 - iii. Election of 2022 Women's Doctoral Committee: Head of the Committee
 1. Sina Sheikholeslami informs the chapter meeting that the nomination committee suggests considering electing Elina Charatsidou and Valentina Leva for the functionary position of Head of the Female Doctoral Committee (WoP).
 2. Valentina Leva gives a brief presentation, which centers around working for gender equality in a male-dominated environment.
 3. Elina Charatsidou announces that she is withdrawing from the election.
 4. The chapter meeting proceeds to voting immediately and Valentina Leva is elected (13 votes in favor).
 - iv. By-election and election of Masters of Ceremonies (2 positions):
 1. Until Dec 2022
 - a. The chapter meeting decides to open for free nominations.
 - b. Saumey Jain nominates Beatriz Pérez Horno who accepts the nomination.
 - c. The chapter meeting decides to vote for both positions at once, see the result below.
 2. From July 2022 until June 2023
 - a. The chapter meeting decides to open for free nominations.
 - b. Mohammad Abuasbeh nominates Saumey Jain who accepts the nomination.
 - c. The chapter meeting proceeds to voting for all candidates at once. Beatriz Pérez Horno and Saumey Jain are elected (12 votes in favor). There is 1 vote to abstain.
 - v. Election of standard bearers
 1. The chapter meeting decides to open for free nominations.
 2. Saumey Jain nominates Daniel Berlin who accepts the nomination.
 3. Mohammad Abuasbeh nominates himself as the vice standard bearer.
 4. The chapter meeting proceeds to voting for all candidates at once. Daniel Berlin is elected as standard bearer and Mohammad Abuasbeh as vice standard bearer (10 votes in favor).
- 5. Additional issues and information [21.05-21.05]**
- a. No additional issues were raised.

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6. Meeting closing [21.05]

Protocol,
Meeting chairperson: Mohammad Abuasbeh

Signature: _____

Meeting secretary: Daniel Berlin

Signature: _____

Minutes checked by: Jing Jing, Fabio De Ferrari and Valentina Leva

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____



Appendice A - Attendance list

Name (first and last):	THS PhD member	School	Left at	Note
Jing Jing	YES	ABE	20:50	
Jens Bergenudd	NO	ABE		
Alessandro Enrico	YES	EECS		
Aman Sharma	NO	EECS		
Amaury Gouverneur	YES	EECS	20:00	
Chrysovalantou Vasiliki Leva	YES	EECS		
Daniel Araújo de Medeiros	YES	EECS		
Doğa Gürgünoğlu	YES	EECS		
Fabio De Ferrari	YES	EECS	20:12	*
Kateryna Morozovska	NO	EECS		
mohit daga	YES	EECS		
Sahba Zojaji	YES	EECS		
Saumey Jain	YES	EECS		
Sina Sheikholeslami	YES	EECS		
Tage Mohammadat	YES	EECS	20:14	*
Theocharis Iordanidis	YES	EECS		
Anna-Karin Högfeltdt	YES	ITM	20:15	*
Beatriz Pérez Horno	NO	ITM		
Daniel Berlin	YES	ITM		

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Eftychia Ntostoglou	YES	ITM	20:14	*
Luka Smajila	YES	ITM		
Mohammad Abuasbeh	YES	ITM		
Niloufar Salehi	YES	ITM	20:14	*
Sudhanshu Kuthe	YES	ITM	20:14	*
Amanda Andrén	NO	N/A	20:14	THS Management
Pil Maria Saugmann	NO	N/A		SFS-DK chair
Daniel Qvarngård	NO	SCI		
Elina Charatsidou	YES	SCI	20:59	
Federico Izzo	YES	SCI		
Ibrahim Batayneh	YES	SCI		
Mattias Åstrand	YES	SCI	20:14	*
Yi Meng Chan	YES	SCI	20:25	

*The election of chairperson was done by 20:10

Total attendees: 32

Total eligible voters: 25