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Place: <https://kth-se.zoom.us/j/63553634309>

Time: 15:00-17:00, October 17th 2022

### §1. Opening formalities [15:00-15:05]

- a. Meeting opening  
The meeting was opened at 15:00.
- b. Attendees: Mohammad, Saumey, Beatriz, Daniel, Elina, Doğa and Fabio.
- c. Choice of meeting chairperson  
Saumey Jain was chosen as the meeting chairperson.
- d. Choice of meeting secretary  
Daniel Medeiros was chosen as the meeting secretary.
- e. Choice of meeting minutes checker  
Mohammad Abuasbeh was chosen as the meeting minutes checker
- f. Approval of meeting agenda  
Approved.
- g. The latest protocol checking and signing  
The latest protocol was checked and signed.

### §2. Reports & updates [15:05-15:45]

- a. Board reports
  - i. Time Compensation Report Spring 2022.  
Mohammad Abuasbeh said it is complete and only needs to be signed.
  - ii. Assignment of FA for ABE school for the upcoming term of 4 years.  
The council had a by-election and now has a chairperson and webmaster. The mandate of ABE's current FA will end this year. There are issues with PhDs on reducing study time from 4 to 3/3.5 years. The FA was contacted by the council and dismissed it as a non-employment matter. More time was asked to assess how many students are affected.
  - iii. ITM PhD Supervisors Seminar Series.  
Mohammad Abuasbeh follows up with the ITM survey and the ITM Council proposes some issues in relation to supervision. Series of seminars



between supervisors, PADs, and all the students. There was a first one last week where the survey results were presented. The perception of the event was good, and there's another event planned for December.

b. THS Central

i. FEST and STAD courses from KTH.

Mohammad Abuasbeh said there were three people from the PhD Chapter which signed up for STAD. Saumey Jain said that some were sent back from FEST as they don't speak Swedish. Saumey also advocated to have this in English as the PhD Chapter is one of the largest chapters in THS.

c. From KTH Central Organizational Bodies

1. University Board (Sv. Universitetsstyrelsen, US)

Mohammad Abuasbeh explained that the discussion on the last meetings so far has been mostly on budgets and statistics. Also discussion on yearly prize from KTH to people that contributed to science/society. The board is in the process of choosing a new vice-rector.

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

Fabio de Ferrari explained that the agenda was shared in advance, and he attended the meeting. Difficulties due to the language barrier. Discussions on mitigation strategies and risk factors (i.e., discrimination due to the race).

3. Faculty Council (Sv. Fakultetsråd, FR)

Saumey Jain finally attended the first FR meeting, which was very long. There were some presentations regarding the VS centralization as well as the educational quality.

4. Education Council (Sv. Utbildningsnämnd, UN)

Mohammad Abuasbeh says that Doğa is unlikely to have any new updates as there were no new meetings.

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

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6. Employment Council (Sv. Anställningsnämnden, AN)



Saumey stated that he hasn't been in the meeting due to the time conflict with FR but discussions now are related on how to refine employment guidelines.

7. Ethics Council (Sv. Etiketskottet)

Next meeting 8/11 Elina will not be able to attend (Daniel Medeiros will replace Elina).

8. Committee for the assessment of suspected deviations from good research practices (Sv. KTH:s kommitté för utredning av misstänkt avvikelser från god forskningssed)

Daniel said that there's nothing to report as there are no planned meetings for this council.

9. Future Faculty errands

Saumey Jain reported that the errands are going well.

10. Scholarship Council (Sv. Stipendierådet)

Fabio explained that the meetings are in Swedish, he got some information that some students cannot apply when they study abroad or want to study elsewhere. He said that it would be nice if we could link the information to our webpage, as the perception is that students are not aware of them.

11. Academic Reference Group for Sustainability

Beatriz said that there is no news in relation to this.

12. Equality council

Meeting on 10/10 (in Swedish) discussion about KTH films on equality and sustainability, PhDs and new ISP for gender equality & sustainability aspects, and focus discussion on workshop on gender violence for PhDs 7th of Nov (Elina will not be able attend due to participation in winter school in France).

Follow up meeting on 16th of Nov, where Elina will participate presenting the experience of PhDs with incorporation of gender aspects into their eISPs.

13. ISP focus group

No new updates.

14. ASP reading group (created by UN)

Daniel said that there's nothing to report as there are no planned meetings for this council.

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**§3. Discussion points [15:45-16:30]**

- a. Email handling [board@dr.kth.se](mailto:board@dr.kth.se)  
Saumej said that the board is supposed to reply to emails within three working days and ask to divide the workload on this. Ask to assign emails on Slack.
- b. Aliens Act & Migration Law updates.  
Our campaign reached an important milestone on Friday. In the official agreement for the new government published on Friday ([Tidöavtalet: Överenskommelse för Sverige](#)). They have included the following in page 36 (this is translation):  
*"In order to strengthen Sweden's competitiveness as a research nation, special provisions for doctoral students and researchers regarding the possibility of a residence permit after a certain period of continuous employment are examined and, if necessary, constitutionally regulated."* This is quite interesting since it is in line with a regulation that has already been proposed to the parties in the parliament before the election. Although the law has not been modified yet, this means that it is an official point on the new government agenda and a change in the law is now closer than ever before!
- c. Course quality group.  
Doğa raised the points discussed in the last meeting at the Course Quality group. He thinks he got some sort of verbal approval from the group and the group might create an action plan for those points at the next meeting.

**§4. Decision points [16:30-17:00]**

- a. Per-capsulam decision 2022-10-15 SCI PhD Council is organizing a climbing event at Gasverket for PhD Students. They request a budget of 12000 kr for entry, rentals, fika and other incidentals. **Approved.**
- b. Per-capsulam decision 2022-10-15: Daniel Berlin, a PhD student from INDEK, ITM is organizing a writing workshop for students from INDEK. They request a budget of 1800 kr for meals and refreshments for participants. **Approved.**
- c. Per-capsulam decision 2022-10-15: SCI PhD Council wants to have fika at their first meeting after summer. They request a budget of 310 kr for Fika. **Approved.**



- d. Per-capsulam decision 2022-10-17: A PhD student SEED at ABE school is organizing a social event for PhD students. They request a budget of 950kr for the event . [Approved](#).
- e. Per-capsulam decision 2022-10-17: EECS PhD Council is organizing a social event for PhD students as a board game night. They request a budget of 4000 kr for the event as refreshments for the participants. [Approved](#).

**§5. Meeting closure [17:00]**

[Meeting was closed at 16:50.](#)

Free chat with the Presidium [17:00-17:30]