

# KTH PhD Chapter meeting 15/11 -2022, Auditors comments.

## Formalia

- The meeting was announced in due time, however, the agenda was first made available Saturday the 12th of November around 14.
  - This issue has been raised with the PhD Chapter board via the chair of the board.
  - While it is unfortunate, and should in general not happen, it is the auditor's opinion that this is due to human error and no malice has been intended. Having gone through the agenda and the submitted motions, it is the auditor's opinion that it is unlikely that the delay will have any consequences for the outcome of the meeting. The recommendations from the auditor are therefore to proceed with the meeting accordingly.
  - The issue of the delayed availability of the agenda has been raised, and measures have been taken to avoid any similar situation in the future.

## Comments on motions

- [Motion – Change Board Position name to Business Manager](#)
  - This regards a change in the statutes, and as such it must be approved by the PhD Chapter on two consecutive meetings. (§7.2)
- [Motion – Change Board Position name to Council Manager](#)
  - This regards a change in the statutes, and as such it must be approved by the PhD Chapter on two consecutive meetings. (§7.2)
- [Motion – PhD Representative Elected by PhD Chapter Meeting for THS General assmebly \(Kårfullmäktige\)](#)
  - This regards a change in the statutes, and as such it must be approved by the PhD Chapter on two consecutive meetings. (§7.2)
- [Motion – PhD Chapter Finances](#)
  - This regards a change in the statutes, and as such it must be approved by the PhD Chapter on two consecutive meetings. (§7.2)
  - It should be noted that it is already the practice of the board of directors of the PhD Chapter to account for any spending in the minutes from the board meetings.

- [Motion – Democratize the nomination process](#)
  - This regards a change in the statutes, and as such it must be approved by the PhD Chapter on two consecutive meetings. (§7.2)
  - ***A word of caution.** While the intension of the motion is to ensure a more democratic and transparent process of nomination, the actual formulation of the motion achieves the opposite. As the motion is written, approval of this amendment would make the nomination committee vulnerable against coup, as any member of the PhD chapter could simply nominate someone in the nomination committee for a position, and thereby defacto removing them from the nomination committee.*
- [Motion – to support anti-discrimination](#)
  - This regards a change in the statutes, and as such it must be approved by the PhD Chapter on two consecutive meetings. (§7.2)
  - *It could be considered if the wording **undignified treatment** should be replaced with **harassment**, as the first is ambiguous and harassment is more specific.*
- [Motion – Proposed food policy\\_ plant based-by-default](#)
  - This does not concern any statute change and can be decided with a simple majority at the meeting.
- [Motion Guidelines for Doctoralombudsman](#)
  - This does not concern any statute change and can be decided with a simple majority at the meeting.
  - *However, it should be stressed that the doctoralobudsman is formally employed by THS, and as such, it is THS that regulates the role. The PhD chapter can only raise suggestions.*
  - *Furthermore, it should be noted that with the current formulation, it is unclear if a PhD student who is subjected to harassment by another PhD student, would be able to get any help from the doctoralombudsman.*

## Comments on the boards work in between chapter meetings.

- The PhD Chapter board of directors has by the time of writing held 5 meetings, and will by the time the Chapter meeting has held 6 meetings.
  - Each of the meetings that have been held has been announced correctly, and for the four where the PhD Chapter board has had the time to approve of the minutes, the minutes are publicly available
- The board of directors accounts for the spending of the PhD Chapter in a clear and transparent manner.
- As an auditor, I have been informed properly about the boards' activities.

## How to reach the auditor.

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