

PhD Chapter at KTH

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

Time: 15:00-17:00, October 31st 2022

§1. Opening formalities [15:00-15:05]

a. Meeting opening

The meeting opened at 15:10.

- b. Attendees: Mohammad, Daniel, Doga, Fabio and Sahba.
- c. Choice of meeting chairperson

 Mohammad Abuasbeh was chosen as meeting chairperson.
- d. Choice of meeting secretary

Daniel Medeiros was chosen as meeting secretary.

- e. Choice of meeting minutes checker
 Doga Gürgünoglu was chosen as minutes checker.
- f. Approval of meeting agenda
 The meeting agenda was approved.
- g. The latest protocol checking and signing
 The latest meeting minute will be signed together with this one.

§2. Reports & updates [15:05-15:45]

- a. Board reports
 - Time Compensation Report Spring 2022.
 Mohammad Abuasbeh said that the report was signed by the relevant head of schools (FAs, directors, etc) and councils.
 - ii. Elections of new chair for ABE PhD School Council Mohammad Abuasbeh said that the ABE Council elected a new PAD, an Event Manager and a Webmaster. It plans to hold another council election next year and hopes to have a full council soon.
 - iii. ABE school assignment of FA and vice FA
 Mohammad Abuasbeh said that the FA is supposed to finish this year and
 the FA asked for nominees for the next four years starting January. After
 consulting with ABE council, the Board feedback was mostly on asking for

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a more effective communication, and brought the issue of shortening PhD due to masters courses - the next FA/vice-FA should focus on this.

iv. SULF Contact DaySULF is promoting an event on Alien's Act and Labour Laws in Våsteräs.Daniel, Doga and Mohammad will be participate.

b. THS Central

- i. FEST and STAD courses from KTH.

 Mohammad asked for these courses to be presented in english. He had a feedback that this would be resolved but there's no exact time of when it will happen but possible during next spring (at least for FEST). For STAD, the material/exam can be in english.
- ii. SL logo on Mecenat THS Card

 Mohammad explained that in order to be considered a student and have a

 SL discount you need to be active at least 75% of the time. In some cases,
 where students perform administrative duties and commision of trust, this
 can amount to less than 75% in Ladok system and will lead to the SL logo
 disappearing from the Mecenat App Card. The Board is working with
 THS management to find a good solution to fix this issue more
 systematically than manually case by case.
- c. From KTH Central Organizational Bodies
 - University Board (Sv. Universitetsstyrelsen, US)
 Mohammad explained that there was an extra meeting to meet Mikael
 Lindström, the candidate for the Vice Rektor. There was another meeting
 today to present him to KTH/THS.
 - Faculty Council (Sv. Fakultetsråd, FR)
 No updates as Saumey Jain was not in this meeting.
 - 3. Employment Council (Sv. Anställningsnämnden, AN) No updates as Saumey Jain was not in this meeting.
 - Language Committee (Sv. Språkkommittén)
 Mohammad said that they had a meeting earlier this week and Daniel Berlin will soon send updates to the board.

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- Ethics Council (Sv. Etikutskottet)
 No updates as Elina Charatsidou was not in this meeting.
- Future Faculty errands
 Mohammad has been in contact with Saumey and was reported that the duties received have been fulfilled.
- Academic Reference Group for Sustainability
 No updates as Beatriz Horno was not in this meeting.
- Equality council
 No updates as Elina Charatsidou was not in this meeting.

§3. Discussion points [15:45-16:24]

 a. Credited Swedish courses (Sv. Poänggivande kurs i svenska som del av forskarutbildningen)

Doga explained that he proposed that the Swedish courses could count either as credited courses or as administrative duties according to ISP. Issue is that the departmental duties are determined by the head of the department and since they're the ones who approve the invoices, there is a conflict of interest here as they also need people for other duties such as grading, etc. This is an argument for dismissing using the courses as administrative duties. Mohammad said that the main argument we should push is that i) we need Swedish to perform some administrative duties, and ii) all departments have issues with staff for teaching in that language. There will be a new meeting of this group on Nov 24th. and Doga will bring the discussed points.

§4. Decision points [16:24-16:50]

- a. Per capsulam decision 2022-10-20: Fabio de Ferrari (board member) requests additional 40000 kr for the Bodyflight event. The money will be used to pay for additional 36 additional entrances and pizza+soda for 62. Approved.
- b. Per capsulam decision 2022-10-20: EECS PhD Council requests a budget of 2000 kr for their in-person board meeting before the elections. The money will be used for refreshments on Oct 24th. Approved.

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- c. Per capsulam decision 2022-10-20: Beatriz Pérez Horno (board member) requests 9905 kr for a pottery class in Tolv before Christimas. The price is for a whole group of up to 16 people. Approved.
- d. Per capsulam decision 2022-10-24: Beatriz Pérez Horno (board member) requests 1000 kr for an origami workshop on Nov. 16. The money will be used to buy materials, some small fika and a voucher of "thank you" for the PhD student (Daniella Klein) who will be guiding the workshop. Approved.
- e. Per capsulam decision 2022-10-31: Susanna Pozzolli and Tianze Wang (EECS students) request 4000 kr for refreshments for their board game night on Nov. 1st. Approved.

§5. Meeting closure [16:50]

Meeting was adjourned at 16:50.

Free chat with	the Presidium	[16:50-17:30]

Meeting Chairperson - Mohammad Abuasb	oeh	
Meeting Secretary - Daniel Medeiros		
Meeting Minutes Checker - Doga Gürgünoş	glu	

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