

# Chapter Meeting no. 1 – November 15th 2022

## Minutes



PhD Chapter at KTH

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

**Time:** Thursday, November 15th 2022, 17:17

### 1. Opening formalities [17.20-17:30]

- a. Meeting opening
- b. Attendees  
The list of attendees is separated from this minute.
- c. Choice of meeting chairperson  
Mohammed Abuasbeh was elected by majority vote.
- d. Choice of meeting vote counters  
Beatriz Pérez Horno and Fabio de Ferrari were elected by majority vote.
- e. Choice of meeting secretary  
Daniel Medeiros was elected as meeting secretary by 13 votes.
- f. Choice of meeting minutes checker  
Saumey Jain and Sahba Zojaji were elected as minute checkers by 12 votes.
- g. Approval of the [latest protocol](#)  
Mohit Daga raised some points regarding the previous protocol, suggesting that it should have a record of conversations of different members before arriving into a decision. He was replied by the Auditor (Pil) that the protocols and minutes from the PhD Chapter are decision protocol made by the chapter, which means the voting, not detailed discussions. The latest protocol was approved for 13 votes.
- h. Approval of [rules of conduct, motion handling, voting procedure](#)  
This was approved by the 13 votes.
- i. Approval of the meeting agenda  
The agenda was proposed to be modified to i) have a report from THS report and then the board meeting. Auditor mentioned that the agenda was not posted in advance as according to the statute; she raised the issue with the board and made recommendations to avoid this mistake in the future. The modification was voted and approved by 14 votes and the modified agenda was approved with 14 votes.

### 2. Introductions and Reports [17.30 - 18.30]

- a. THS Report  
Amanda Andrén, from THS Board, reported that THS had elections and THS is looking for members, and also events that are happening soon.
- b. Introduction to the PhD Chapter and PhD School Councils

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Mohammad Abuasbeh gave a brief introduction to the chapter, highlighting usual activities at National and KTH-level (incl. PhD Councils, Women at KTH).

c. Activity Report from the Board and Plan

Mohammad Abuasbeh explained the board activities, including contact with SFS-DK, SULF, and work in relation to the Swedish Aliens Act. There's also the mention of social activities, surveys done at school levels, advocating for dedicated FofU funding for PhD Courses, and language learning. Also mentioned the contacts that the Chapter has been doing with industry. Mohammad has shown the financial balance of the PhD Chapter.

d. Activity Report from the School Councils

i. ABE

As the representative from ABE was absent, Mohammad explained that the time compensation was signed and the Council took the Chapter recommendation/guidelines for PADs and Vice-Chairs. The second update is that the ABE Council had elections for some roles.

ii. CBH

Agenda was introduced to change and EECS spoke first. Approved by 14 votes. CBH representative absent. After EECS talk, Mohammad Abuasbeh explained the activities for CBH (social events) and the Council is trying to recruit for next year. The salary guideline is now time-based.

iii. EECS

Susanna Pozzoli explained that there were elections for the Council, that the council had social events (karaoke, career events). There were changes on FA/Vice-FA and the relationship between the council and them is good. The results from the EECS Survey were presented and the Council is currently in the process of following up. The Council has also successfully advocated for a Swedish Course in Kista, and the school will pay for it upfront.

iv. ITM

Mohammad explained that ITM Council had finished the survey; started the Supervisors' Council; also established two meetings for semester between management, FA and PADs. The Council had also promoted social events.

v. SCI



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Mattias Åstrand explained that council meetings are regular, opened the elections for the next year's council and he is positive about the upcoming elections. The council is implementing time compensation for new positions. There were social activities and hosted seminars on gender equality.

### 3. Decision Points [18.30 - 18.45]

- a. Approval of Resignation of one Auditor ~~Ann-Karin Högfeldt~~ Anna-Karin Högfeldt sent to PhD Chapter Chairperson on 28th June 2022.

There were discussions regarding the resignation. The decision was approved by 13 votes.

Break for dinner at 18:45.

### 4. Motions<sup>1</sup> [19.00 - 20:26]

- a. Motion - Change Board Position name to Council Manager  
Mohammad Abuasbeh (Proposer) explained the motion. The board's take is for approval. There were discussions and the motion was refused by six votes yes and seven votes no.
- b. Motion - Change Board Position name to Business Manager  
Mohammad Abuasbeh (Proposer) explained the motion. The board's take is for approval. The motion was approved with 11 votes yes, 1 no, 2 abstentions.
- c. Motion - PhD Representatives Elected by PhD Chapter Meeting for THS General assembly (Kårfullmäktige).  
Mohammad Abuasbeh (Proposer) explained the motion. The board's take is for approval. The motion was discussed and split in two points, where the first suggestion was deleted and voted for the second. The motion was voted and approved by 14 votes. The motion was approved with 13 votes and 1 abstention.
- d. Motion - Proposed food policy plant based-by-default  
Maria Letizia Fasci (Proposer) explained the motion. It was discussed. The Proposer clarifies that the motion is to support the proposal that will be submitted to the future President of KTH about having plant-based food as default for KTH events. The proposal was approved with 13 votes in favor and 2 votes no.
- e. Motion to support anti-discrimination

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<sup>1</sup>For details see [www.dr.kth.se/minutes](http://www.dr.kth.se/minutes)



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Tage Mohammadat (Proposer) explained the motion. It was discussed. The vote for the motion is “as is”, fixing also a typo present there. The motion is passed with 8 votes for, 2 against, 4 abstain.

f. Motion PhD Chapter Finances

Mohit Daga (Proposer) explained the motion. It was discussed. The motion was modified to “A summary of all expenses taken place between the two Chapters meetings shall be reported to the forthcoming PhD Chapter Meeting, and the Chairperson and Treasurer shall be responsible for this report”. The motion was failed by 5 votes for, 5 against 1 abstentions.

g. Motion Democratize the nomination process

Mohit Daga (Proposer) explained the motion. It was discussed. The vote was rejected with 1 vote in favor, 9 in opposition and 3 abstentions.

h. Motion Guidelines for Motion on Doctoralombudsman

Mohit Daga (Proposer) explained the motion. It was discussed. The vote was rejected with 1 vote in favor, 7 in opposition and 4 abstentions.

**5. Additional issues and information**

None

**6. Meeting closing [20:27]**

The meeting was closed at 20:27.

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Name	THS	Food	Allergies	School:
Fabio De Ferrari	YES	Vegetarian		EECS
Alireza Mahmoudi Kamelabad	YES	No Preference		EECS
SAUMEY JAIN	YES	Vegan		EECS
Tage Mohammadat	YES	No Preference		EECS
Maria Letizia Fasci	YES	Vegan		ITM
Manas Kumar Patra	NO			N/A
mohit daga	YES	Vegetarian		EECS
Sahba Zojaji	YES	No Preference		EECS
Fabio De Ferrari	YES	Vegetarian		EECS
Mohammad Mehrabi	YES	Vegetarian		EECS
Pijl	NO	Vegetarian	Peas, almonds, nuts	Auditor
Arlind Dervishaj	YES	No Preference	Answer 18:06, Board Report	ABE
Kaan Etikan	YES	No Preference	Glutenfree and lactosefree	ABE
Rana Shehram Ali	NO			N/A
Wiebke Belitz-Hellwich	YES	Vegetarian		ABE
Seyed Amin Hosseini Tehrani	YES	No Preference		ABE
KAJORNSAK KITTIMATHAVEENAN	YES	No Preference		EECS
Juan Zapata	YES	No Preference	Olives	ITM
Elina Charatsidou	YES	No Preference		SCI
Mattias Åstrand	YES	No Preference		SCI
Ksenia Loskutova	YES	Vegetarian	Melon	CBH
Amir Mehrpanah	YES	No Preference		EECS
Eren Berk Kama	YES	No Preference		EECS
Kaushik Iyer	YES	No Preference		SCI
Mohammad Abuasbeh	YES	Other		ITM
Maria Letizia Fasci	YES	Vegan		ITM
Susanna Pozzoli	YES	Vegetarian		EECS
Ugne Miniotaite	YES	No Preference		SCI
Qikun Wei	YES	No Preference		CBH
Luka Smajila	YES	No Preference	Koriander	ITM
Beatriz Pérez Horno	NO	YES	Vegan	Oil, sugar or alcohol
Humam Siga	YES	Vegetarian		CBH
Konstantinos Kalogiannis	YES	No Preference		EECS
Daniel Medeiros	YES	No Preference		EECS

left at 17:55

Joseph Llewellyn NO

Amanda THS

ITM