## Board Meeting no. 08 – December 12<sup>th</sup> 2022 Minutes



## PhD Chapter at KTH

Place: <a href="https://kth-se.zoom.us/j/63553634309">https://kth-se.zoom.us/j/63553634309</a>
Time: 15:00-17:00, December 12th 2022

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

- a. Meeting opening
- b. Invited: chapter board, auditors, WoP

Attendees: Daniel, Fabio and Mohammad

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

Fabio de Ferrari was chosen as 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 [15:05-15:50]

- a. Board reports
  - i. Onboarding Workgroup
     Update from Saumey: from onboarding workgroup, final draft of the report ready and he is currently reviewing it.
- b. THS Central
  - i. None
- c. From KTH Central Organizational Bodies
  - Strategic Council (Sv. Strategiskt råd, SR)
     Fabio explained that the meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.
  - 2. Faculty Council (Sv. Fakultetsråd, FR)
    Saumey wrote in an email that FRs term ends June 2023. The modalities for elections were in place but the new rector has asked these to be delayed as he

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wants to undertake reorganization of the central bodies and decision making structures at KTH. Saumey believes that this is something the board should look into because PhD students would be at the receiving end of the changes here. The external *ledamote* from Scania mentioned the issue of industrial PhD students not being involved or feeling left out.

3. Employment Council (Sv. Anställningsnämnden, AN)
Saumey wrote in an email that the Employment Board is currently
deliberating on the revision of employment conditions for professors and
related jobs. Saumey feels that what might affect PhD students is the need for
Swedish language (proposal to reduce time from 3 years to 1 year) and the
promotion guidelines. This has the capability to affect PhD education
negatively because the supervisors and students run into conflict of interest
when the supervisor forces the student to finish earlier just so that they can
apply for a promotion.

### §3. Discussion points [15:50-15:50]

a. None

## §4. Decision points [15:50-16:00]

- a. Per-capsulam decision 2022-12-09: ABE PhD Council Chair is organizing their Election meeting on 13th December of 2022 and would like to have fika. They request a budget of 600 kr. Approved.
- b. Per-capsulam decision 2022-12-09: The SurveyMonkey invoice has an updated amount which is 70 kr higher than the previously approved amount (24 300kr). Saumey Jain (treasurer) asks for a funding of 24 400 kr to pay the new invoice. Approved.

### §5. Meeting closure [16:00]

Closed.

Free chat with the Presidium [16:00-17:00]

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