# Board Meeting no. 10 – January 30<sup>th</sup> 2023 Minutes



# PhD Chapter at KTH

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

Time: 15:00-17:00, January 30th 2023

### §1. Opening formalities [15:15-15:17]

a. Meeting opening

Invited: chapter board, auditors, WoP

b. Choice of meeting chairperson

Mohammad was chosen as meeting chairperson.

c. Choice of meeting secretary

Daniel Medeiros was chosen as secretary.

d. Choice of meeting minutes checker

Fabio De Ferrari was chosen as minutes checker.

e. Approval of meeting agenda

Agenda was approved.

f. The latest protocol checking and signing

The latest protocol was checked, approved and will be signed.

### §2. Reports & updates [15:17-15:45]

a. Board reports

Mohammad reported that i) he is working on the time compensation reports and also ii) editing the PhD surveys in order to make it replicable between schools.

b. THS Central

Mohammad said that there was a first meeting organized by Ksenia (PhD representative at THS/KF), and soon there will be a THS Board Gasque. Also, a new person joined THS Management (Maja) to focus on PhD-related issues.

- c. From KTH Central Organizational Bodies
  - Strategic Council (Sv. Strategiskt råd, SR) Nothing to report.
  - 2. Faculty Council (Sv. Fakultetsråd, FR) Nothing to report.
  - 3. Education Council (Sv. Utbildningsnämnd, UN)

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Nothing to report, but Doga will follow up.

- 4. Third Cycle Education Committee (Sv. Forskarutbildningsutskottet, FU) Nothing to report, but Doga will follow up.
- Employment Council (Sv. Anställningsnämnden, AN)
   Nothing to report.
- Language Committee (Sv. Språkkommittén)
   Nothing to report, but the board is still searching for someone to replace the previous member.
- 7. Ethics Council (Sv. Etikutskottet)
  Emails for PhD interview sessions in Kenya, and the ethical aspect regarding the process of interviewing the candidates, decision was reached.
- Future Faculty errands
   Daniel explained that there was the handover from Saumey and he is taking the errands from this week onward.
- Scholarship Council (Sv. Stipendierådet)
   Nothing to report.
- 10. Academic Reference Group for Sustainability Nothing to report.
- 11. Equality council First meeting on Feb 8th.
- d. Aliens Act and Migration Law.

Mohammad said that he was contacted by some news outlets regarding the waiting time that affected PhDs when they applied for Permanent Residency and the unreasonable waiting time made them ineligible according to the 18 month working contract rule.

#### §3. Discussion points [15:45-16:10]

a. Mohammad was asked by Sofia Ritzén which points the new Vice-Rector should prioritize. These points are: 1) onboarding, 2) PhD courses 3) supervision 4) Swedish language learning, 5) KTH role to move the issue forward migration law. Mohammad will present and discuss this in detail later in a joint meeting with detail with the new Rector and Vice-Rectors Sofia Ritzén and Leif Kari.

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b. Beatriz proposed a trip to Estonia for the PhD Chapter Board and extra PhD students. Daniel/Mohammad will also help to plan the costs and dates.

## §4. Decision points [16:00-16:10]

- a. Per capsulam Decision 2023-01-24: Sai Abburu (SCI Webmaster) requests 500 kr for fika for the SCI PhD Council Meeting. Approved.
- b. Daniel Medeiros (webmaster of board) requests 50000 kr for a ski trip to Romme Alpin with 60 PhDs. The budget is to cover the day pass with transportation.
   Approved.

## §5. Meeting closure [16:15]

The meeting was adjourned at 16:15.