

Chapter Meeting no. 2 – December 13th 2022

Minutes



PhD Chapter at KTH

Place: Room E35, Osquars backe 2, and on zoom: <https://kth-se.zoom.us/j/61536821776>

Time: Tuesday, December 13th 2022, 17:17

1. Opening formalities [17:30-17:48]

- a. Meeting opening
Meeting was started at 17:30.
- b. Attendees
List of attendees are on the attached list.
- c. Choice of meeting chairperson
Mohammad Abuasbeh was chosen as meeting chairperson.
- d. Choice of meeting vote counters
Sahba Zojaji and Saumey Jain were chosen as vote counters.
- e. Choice of meeting secretary
Daniel Medeiros was chosen as meeting secretary.
- f. Choice of meeting minutes checker
Sina Sheikholeslami and Jana Vasiljevic were chosen as minutes checkers.
- g. Approval of the [latest protocol](#)
The latest protocol was approved unanimously.
- h. Approval of [rules of conduct, motion handling, voting procedure](#)
The rules of conduct, motion handling and voting procedure were approved unanimously.
- i. Approval of the meeting agenda
The agenda was approved unanimously.

2. Introduction and Reports [17:48 - 18:30]

- a. Welcome and presentation of the Board
The meeting chairperson introduced the THS and the PhD Chapter, including what the chapter does and the vacant positions.
- b. THS Report
The THS representative was not able to attend but gave a brief report to the Chairperson. THS is working towards every doctoral student having access to the PhD Chapter Hall and about the yearly negotiation of THS budget with KTH.
- c. Board and school councils report
The chairperson reported the activities of the board: participation in KTH central committee, the priority of establishing and continuing the PhD School Council, advocating for allocation of resources for courses at third cycle level, for Swedish



courses, and for supervision of doctoral students. It also advocates for changes on the impacts of Migration Law, and for the promotion of social events and collaboration of industry.

For the school council report:

- SCI: Vladilena Gaisina said that elections were held and all positions were filled. One of the goals is to work on visibility so more people become more interested on the board. She also spoke on the importance of development dialogue and the PADs for some courses.
- EECS: Saumey Jain explained that there were elections. Some of the activities were career café, karaoke and board games nights. The council managed to push the EECS School to offer the Swedish courses at the Kista Campus.
- ITM: As a representative was not available, Mohammad Abuasbeh explained that the council also had elections, and only one PAD is currently missing. The Student Survey was done with a 75% response rate which was satisfactory, and results were presented to management.
- ABE: As a representative was not available, Mohammad explained that they had not had a fully functional council until this year, and a lot of the work recently has been focusing on the time-compensation guidelines.
- CBH: As a representative was not available, Mohammad explained that they had an election this week but was not informed of the outcome.
- The chapter budget was also discussed and suggestions were made on how to improve the usage of that.

3. Motions [18:30 - 19:40]

- a. Motion - Change Board Position name to Business Manager (2nd vote amending the status).

The motion was discussed and voted for the second time. The motion was rejected by 6 yes, 5 no and 3 abstains (less than 50% yes of the voting pool).

A 10 min pause was suggested for refreshment during which the chairperson, the auditor and the chapter meeting members went through the statutes to double check the understanding of the process for statute amendment after the doubt raised by the auditor.

- b. Motion - PhD Representatives Elected by PhD Chapter Meeting for THS General assembly (Kårfullmäktige). (2nd vote amending the status).



The motion was discussed and voted for the second time. The motion was approved by 12 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstains.

- c. Motion to support anti-discrimination (2nd vote amending the status).

The motion was discussed and voted for the second time. The motion was rejected by 3 yes, 6 no, and 4 abstains.

4. Elections [19:40-21:40]

- a. Presentation of the Nominating Committee report

Sina Sheikholeslami, on behalf of the nominating committee, presented the report and its nominees.

- b. PhD Chapter Board

- i. Elections (Jan-Dec 2023)

1. Business Liaison

Sahba Zojaji presented himself and questions were made. The voting was 12 yes, 0 no and 0 abstain. Sahba Zojaji is elected as Business Liaison.

2. Treasurer

As Fabio de Ferrari was not attending the election, Sina Sheikholeslami presented the committee report about him. There were discussions regarding his nomination. The voting was 13 yes, 0 no and 0 abstain. Fabio de Ferrari is elected as Treasurer.

3. Discussions

There were no nominees at the report for the positions of Council Coordinator, Communication Manager and Vice Chairperson. The chapter meeting approved to open for free nomination for the three remaining positions at the same time. It was approved with 12 yes, 1 no and 0 abstentions.

Kiran Chhatre nominates himself as a Communication Manager. Saumey Jain nominates Sina as Vice Chairperson and Jana Vasiljevic as a Council Coordinator. Jana accepted the nomination while Sina declined it.

4. Council Coordinator

Jana Vasiljevic presented herself as the event manager of the SCI council and has experience as PAD. Questions were asked. The voting was 10 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain. Jana Vasiljevic is elected as Council Coordinator.

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5. Communication Manager
Kiran Chhatre presented himself and his experience. Questions were asked. The voting was 3 yes, 4 no, 4 abstain. Kiran Chhatre was not elected.
 6. Vice Chairperson
There were no nominations for this position.
- c. PhD Chapter Functionaries
- i. Election of 2023 Nominating Committee (5 positions)
The chapter meeting approved to open the positions for free nominations. Saumey Jain, Doga Gurgunuglu and Vladilena Gaisina were nominated and accepted the nominations. For the voting, Saumey was voted with 10 yes, 0 no and 0 abstain. Vladilena Gaisina was voted with 10 yes, 0 no and 0 abstain. Doga Gurgunuglu was voted with 10 yes, 0 no and 0 abstain. Saumey, Vladilena and Doga were elected as nominating committee members.
 - ii. Head of Women's Doctoral Committee
This point was added to the agenda by voting: 9 yes, 0 no and 1 abstain. Valentina Leva presented herself. Valentina Leva was voted with 9 yes, 0 no and 1 abstain. Valentina Leva was elected as Head of Women's Doctoral Committee.
 - iii. Discussions
The chapter meeting approved to open for free nominations for the remaining positions with unanimous voting. Martin Karp was nominated as Standard Bearer and Mohammad Abuasbeh was nominated as Vice-Standard Bearer. Both of them accepted the nominations.
 - iv. Election of Masters of Ceremonies (1 position, Jan-Dec 2023)
There were no nominations for this position.
 - v. Election of Auditors (1 positions, July2022-Dec 2023)
There were no nominations for this position.
 - vi. Election of 2023 Standard Bearers
 1. Standard Bearer
Martin Karp presented himself and questions were asked. The voting was held and Martin was elected with 10 votes yes, 0 votes no and 0 votes abstains.
 2. Vice-Standard Bearer

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Mohammad Abuasbeh presented himself and questions were asked. The voting was held and Mohammad was elected with 10 votes yes, 0 votes no and 0 votes abstains.

5. Meeting closing [21.42]

The meeting was declared as closed at 21:42.

Protocol,

Meeting chairperson: Mohammad Abuasbeh

Signature: Mohammad Abuasbeh

Meeting secretary: Daniel Medeiros

Signature: Daniel Araújo de Medeiros

Minutes checked by: Sina Sheikholeslami and Jana Vasiljevic

Signature: S. Sheikholeslami

Signature: Jana Vasiljević

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Attendance List

No.	Name	Physically/Online	School	Chapter Member	Joined	Left
1	Amna Irshad	Online	EECS	Yes	17:30	19:24
2	Vladilena Gaisina	Physically	SCI	Yes	17:30	21:42
3	Mohammad Abuasbeh	Physically	ITM	Yes	17:30	21:42
4	Saumeey Jain	Physically	EECS	Yes	17:30	21:42
5	Tage Mohammadat	Online	EECS	Yes	19:21	19:42
6	Chrysovalantou Leva	Online	EECS	Yes	17:30	21:42
7	Sina Sheikholeslami	Physically	EECS	Yes	17:30	21:42
8	Sahba Zojaji	Physically	EECS	Yes	17:30	21:42
9	Pil Maria Saugmann	Physically	Auditor	No	17:30	21:42
10	Doğa Gürgünoğlu	Physically	EECS	Yes	17:30	21:42
11	Kiran chhatre	Online	EECS	Yes	17:30	20:59
12	Jana Vasiljevic	Physically	SCI	Yes	17:30	21:42
13	Daniel Medeiros	Physically	EECS	Yes	17:30	21:42
14	Ksenia Loskutova	Online	CBH	Yes	17:30	20:20
15	Yuzhu Fan	Online	SCI	Yes	18:08	19:10
16	Steffen Hammer	Online	ITM	Yes	17:30	21:42
17	Humam Siga	Online	CBH	Yes	17:30	19:03
18	Hailey Elizabeth Sounart	Online	CBH	No	17:51	18:10
19	Martin Karp	Online	EECS	Yes	17:30	21:39
20	Soledad Chino	Online	CBH	No	17:30	19:53

Meeting Started: 17:30

Meeting Ended: 21:42

Total attendees: 20

Total Eligible Voters: 17

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