Board Meeting no. 11 – February 13th 2023 Minutes



PhD Chapter at KTH

Place: <u>https://kth-se.zoom.us/j/63553634309</u> Time: 15:00-17:00, February 13th 2023

§1. Opening formalities [15:10-15:12]

- a. Meeting opening
- b. Invited: chapter board, auditors, WoP Attendees: Daniel, Doga, Fabio, Jana, Mohammad.
- c. Choice of meeting chairperson Mohammad was chosen as meeting chairperson.
- d. Choice of meeting secretary Daniel was chosen as meeting secretary.
- e. Choice of meeting minutes checker Doga was chosen as minutes checker.
- f. Approval of meeting agenda The meeting agenda was approved.
- g. The latest protocol checking and signing The latest protocol was checked and signed.

§2. Reports & updates [15:12-16:20]

- a. Board reports
 - i. Mohammad explained about a <u>2021 proposal</u> he sent to FU of having the employment of doctoral students as long as possible near the end of their PhD to maximize their chances to be granted a permanent residency, which turned into a <u>decision by KTH</u> where it will give contracts of up to two years. The meeting minutes from 2021 are <u>here</u>. Mohammad is currently in discussion with ABE school admin & ABE school council to have a clear procedure to implement such a decision at ABE school.
 - ii. Mohammad said that he sent the time compensation to THS, and when finalized, it will be forwarded to KTH.

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- iii. Daniel explained that the chapter had hosted multiple events recently, including the Visit to Ericsson (organized by Sahba), the Art Atelier (organized by Beatriz) and the Arcade Night (by Daniel).
- b. THS Central
 - i. Mohammad and Doga will have a meeting with the new Education representative for THS on Wednesday.
 - ii. Fabio will have a meeting with THS for finance on Tuesday.
- c. From KTH Central Organizational Bodies
 - Strategic Council (Sv. Strategiskt råd, SR) Nothing to report.
 - 2. Education Council (Sv. Utbildningsnämnd, UN) Doga explained that this committee is currently focused on First and Second-cycle, and this is an issue when trying to bring the agenda for third cycle courses. He recently spoke about the Swedish courses and funding for the third-level courses. Due to lack of dedicated funding for third-cycle courses, transparency in course evaluations cannot be maintained in practice.
 - 3. Third Cycle Education Committee (Sv. Forskarutbildningsutskottet, FU) Doga explained that the committee discussed issues also related to funding for the third-level courses and Swedish courses as well.
 - 4. Ethics Council (Sv. Etikutskottet) Nothing to report.
 - 5. Future Faculty errands Working as usual.
 - 6. Scholarship Council (Sv. Stipendierådet)Fabio said that the meeting for this council will happen on March 6th.
 - 7. Equality council Nothing to report.
 - 8. ISP focus group Nothing to report.
 - 9. ASP reading group (created by UN) Nothing to report.

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§3. Discussion points [16:20-16:25]

- a. Discussion regarding solutions for the Swedish course, related to either having it as departmental duties or as credited courses for third-cycle education.
- b. Next chapter meeting is to be planned near the end of March.

§4. Decision points [16:25-16:30]

- Per capsulam decision 2023-02-07: Elina Charatsidou (board member) requests 7000 kronor for a sports event on March 3rd. The price includes drinks, fika and the rental of the event place for 2 hours (incl. instructor for the first hour). Approved.
- b. Per capsulam decision 2023-02-08: Charlie Börjerson (SCI Council Member) wants to organize an ice skating event at the end of February and requests 5800 kronor for about 40 people. Approved.

§5. Meeting closure [16:30]

Meeting was adjourned at 16:30.

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