



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

Time: 15:00-17:00, February 27th 2023

§1. Opening formalities [15:00-15:05]

- a. Meeting opening
- b. Invited: chapter board, auditors, WoP
Attendees: Daniel, Fabio, Jana, Mohammad, Sahba, Elina
- c. Choice of meeting chairperson
Mohammad was chosen as chairperson.
- d. Choice of meeting secretary
Daniel was chosen as meeting secretary.
- e. Choice of meeting minutes checker
Sahba was chosen as a 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 will be signed.

§2. Reports & updates [15:05-16:00]

- a. Board reports
 - i. ABE school extends PhD contract for up to two years now
Mohammad has been in discussion with the ABE school and it was agreed that the ABE school will extend the PhD contracts for up to two years to facilitate the process with permanent residence permit for doctoral students.
 - ii. Time compensation report.
Mohammad said that the time compensation report is done, there are currently some discussions on how to enhance/simplify it within the board and the Council Coordinator will help with the suggestions.
 - iii. Updated agreement with Nordea Bank



Mohammad explained that the chapter received the updated agreement from Nordea and the signatories are now updated.

iv. PhD Visit to Microsoft / Microsoft Research

Sahba said that the half-day visit happened and went well, and there were over 50 participants. There was good feedback from the attendees.

b. THS Central

i. Meeting with THS new CFU Maja Rosen.

Mohammad had the meeting with the new CFU (educational responsible from THS), and spoke about the issues that should be focused on and what potential solutions should look like. Maja will get in contact with Doga as well.

ii. SNNC would like to use PhD Chapter colors theme for Nobel Night Party

Mohammad said that he was contacted by SNNC, which is a THS committee who will organize the Nobel Night Party after the dinner, and asked whether it could use the colors of the chapter (black and gold).

c. From KTH Central Organizational Bodies

1. University Board (Sv. Universitetsstyrelsen, US)

Mohammad said that there was the first meeting of the year last week, and the main agenda points were the yearly report (operational/financial report of KTH) and the initial plan for this year - the main problem being the increased prices for rent; one of the possible solutions is reducing the used spaces.

There is also a new proposal for the procedures for promotions of professors.

2. Language Committee (Sv. Språkkommittén)

Mohammad said that he has been in contact with Mattias Åstrand and Charlie Bøjerson agreed to jointly represent the chapter in this committee.

3. Ethics Council (Sv. Etikuskottet)

Elina explained that there was the first meeting of the year, run in english to accommodate the PhD student representative (her) in the conversation.

Working on establishing basic values at KTH regarding ethics. Discussion in FA council → ethics seminars for supervisors & PhDs. People mainly are focusing on publication ethics & interview data ethics. There is a resistance



from KTH to adhere to the authorship standards enforced by the Vancouver convention. Thoughts on how to move forward? Another idea that was discussed is the intro to AI in academia. Suggestion: Seminar → how to work with ChatGPT not against it.

4. Future Faculty errands

Running as usual, no issues at all.

5. Equality council

Elina explained that the JMLA Group had its first meeting of the year, run in english to accommodate the PhD student representative (her) in the conversation. Sexual harassment closed group to create case studies for future workshops. Elina is planning to organize a gender (in)equality in Physics & STEM workshop/lunch seminar, inviting Tomas Brage from Lund University. ITM school has mandatory JML training of their managers (advanced seminar: culture, norms. First management training conducted last year). Plan is for the rest of the schools to follow (Management training on JML). It seems to be from top to bottom approach where students find it hard to deviate from potential bad practices of their supervisors.

6. ISP focus group

Sahba explained that there was the meeting two weeks ago and checked different proposals from all universities in Sweden, including KTH. Some were accepted, some rejected but they were mostly minor changes.

§3. Discussion points [16:00-16:20]

a. Next chapter meeting

Mohammad is planning the next chapter meeting by the end of March or beginning to April, and is contacting the board to get all the available times.

b. The ABE PhD Council requires that the retroactive time compensation of Erik Sandelin and Jenny Richards, both students at Konstfack (partnership program with KTH) be modified to 155 hours each. Due to a lack of communication between the years of 2020 and 2021, the hours of these students were wrongly



reported by the previous board. [The board supports but cannot enforce the time compensation of this PhD student, and will follow up with the ABE School.](#)

§4. Decision points [16:20-16:25]

- a. Per capsulam decision 2023-02-17: Daniel Medeiros (board member) requests extra 55 000 kr for adding more 110 PhD students and hiring two extra buses to the ski trip. [Approved.](#)
- b. Per capsulam decision 2023-02-23: Erika Blomstrand (ITM) requests 1600 kr to host a “Writer’s retreat” for INDEK (ITM) students in Örebro. The money will cover lunch for 8 people. [Approved.](#)
- c. Per capsulam decision 2023-02-23: Danai Deligeorgaki (SCI) requests 3000 kr for buying fika for 10 to 15 mathematics students where they will attend a conference with other students from Stockholms University. [Approved.](#)
- d. Per capsulam decision 2023-02-23: Elina Charatsidou (SCI) requests 500 kr for fika to welcome a new postdoc in her department together with other PhDs. [Approved.](#)

§5. Meeting closure [16:25]

[Meeting was adjourned at 16:25.](#)