

# Setting a time limit for nominations for elections



*Submitted for consideration to the PhD Chapter Meeting*

*The PhD chapter at KTH/ Doktorandsektionen vid Tekniska Högskolans Studentkår*

## Background

As per the working directives, the Nomination Committee (hereafter abbreviated as NC) at the Doktorandsektionen vid Tekniska Högskolans Studentkår is empowered and is responsible for preparing and administering election errands for vacancies appointed by the chapter meeting with the following scope of work:

- to promote the elections that are administered during the current year of operation.
- to collect nominations and candidacies
- to interview candidates and verify the candidates' references
- to declare statements and reports about the candidates before the chapter meeting.
- to liaison with THS nominating committee for election of union vacancies

The PhD Chapter usually has elections in June and December every year to fill the board positions required for proper functioning of the board and the chapter. Usually the Chapter Meetings are announced and the deadlines are set by the Chapter Board without consultation with the NC. For example, the meeting this semester is scheduled for 20th June, and the nominations were closed by the Chapter Board on 10th June (Saturday 23:59, with 4 nominations made at the EoD), merely 6 working days before the Chapter Meeting. This gives the NC one working day to finish all the errands. Accounting for the fact that NC report is due 5 working days before the elections to the Board, and it needs to be made public at least 4 working days, it leaves almost no time for the NC to evaluate the candidatures with proper interviews. Such limited time affects the proper vetting of the candidates that the NC is responsible for, and is a disservice to the PhD Chapter to large.



As a result, I propose the following amendment to the PhD Chapter Statutes which provides the NC with a time of 5 working days after the close of nominations to interview the candidates and write a report which would be useful for the PhD Chapter to study before the elections and enable the election of the most suitable candidates.

## Suggestions

To<sub>1</sub> Change §2.3.1 of the PhD Chapter statutes from “*The PhD Chapter Meeting may conduct business if a quorum of at least 10 (ten) members and if the summons, including time and location, has been posted on the PhD Chapter website at least eight working days before the meeting. The agenda and other documents are to be posted in the same way at least four working days before the meeting.*” to **The PhD Chapter Meeting may conduct business if a quorum of at least 10 (ten) members and if the summons, including time and location, has been posted on the PhD Chapter website at least eight working days before the meeting. The agenda and other documents are to be posted in the same way at least four working days before the meeting. In case there are elections, the nominations should close 10 working days before the meeting and the nomination committee report should be made public the same way, at least four working days before the meeting.**

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