



**PhD Chapter at THS | Doktorandsektionen vid THS
Board 2023/2024**

Minutes for Board Meeting #02

Place: Happy Tammsvik (Ådövägen 5, 197 91, Bro)

Date: October 6th, 2023

Attendees: Chapter Board, Doctoral Students, Auditors

Formalities: [14:10]

1. Election of Meeting Chairperson, Secretary and Minute Checker.
Daniel Medeiros, Andressa Mazur and Fabio De Ferrari were chosen respectively as Meeting Chairperson, Meeting Secretary and Minute Checker.
2. Approval of Agenda.
The agenda is approved without any modification.
3. Eventual matters related to formalities.
None.

Board Reports / Informs: [14:15]

4. University Board (KTH Restructuring)
Daniel reported about what is happening on the University Board, with the campus revision being the main focus. One of the problems for Kista is that KTH appear to not have enough spots for students and faculty at the main campus. Discussions about Electrum Laboratory and NanoLab in Albanova. A decision is likely to be made on November 22nd, likely to be related to which scenario should be studied further.

Discussions: [14:40]

5. Feedback from the workshop
Daniel said that it was hard to fill all the spots, and the invited lecturer said that such format is really usual among companies. Suggestions about having two days workshop instead of the three and to have more harsh policies about cancellations. The topic of the workshop was overall judged as relevant.
6. JML
Andressa informed about the meetings she attended and issues she believes are important to be addressed in the future, such as the plan for JML or activities on reception. The Chapter should be concerned on which mechanisms KTH is studying to implement to handle the matter.
7. Salary / Salary Ladder
Daniel pointed that unions started the negotiation for salary for the next year. He mentioned that there are no doctoral representatives at the three student unions

(SACO-S, ST, SEKO). There is a discussion about the importance of the salary ladder and that we should look for mechanisms to improve it.

8. Supervision Quality
This topic was not discussed due to lack of time.
9. Working Conditions / Stress Management
This topic was not discussed

No decisions are scheduled to be taken here.

Per-capsulam Decisions:

2023-08-01: Jana Vasiljevic (SCI) requests 21 000 kronor for a back-to-school SCI event on September 1st in Proviant Albano. The money will be used to buy a burger and a soda per person.

2023-08-16: Daniel Medeiros (Chairperson) requests 26 000 kronor for the PhD reception in September. The money covers the following activities: PhD Life in KTH and Sweden (rent of KTH premises and small lunch), Karaoke Night (pizzas), and AcroYoga (burgers).

2023-08-18: Daniel Medeiros (Chairperson) requests 140 000 kronor for the PhD Gasque related to the reception. The money is used for catering for 100 people, rental of premises at Nymble, lightning and audio services by THS, cleaning company, serving personnel, and a live band for the afterparty.

2023-09-05: Beatriz Perez Horno (ITM) requests 4000 kronor for a LGBTQI+ meetup during lunch, expecting to receive 20 to 30 people.

2023-09-05: Saumeey Jain (EECS Chair) requests 1000 kronor for their council fika, also including by-elections.

2023-09-06: Beatriz Perez Horno (ITM) requests 200 kr for some fika while holding an Art Atelier at T-Centralen.

2023-09-07: Sahba Zojaji (Business Liaison) requests 8000 kronor for organizing a visit to ABB, Hitachi and NKT. The money will be used to cover the bus from Stockholm to Västerås.

2023-09-08: Mattias Åstrand (SCI Chair) requests 1250 kronor for food at their next board meeting which will last an entire afternoon for discussions.

2023-09-11: Erika Kriukelyte (ABE) requests 1500 kronor for a book club that they organize between PhD students, roughly 10 people. The money will be used for lunch.

2023-09-18: Beatriz Perez Horno (ITM) requests 1000 kronor for a clothing swap on September 25th.

2023-09-27: Javier Kipen (EECS) requests 3250 kronor for a movie night. The money is used to cover chips, food, soda and rental of a movie. 15 people are expected in the event.

2023-10-05: Manuel Agredano Torres (EECS) requests 7200 kronor for a LGBTQI+ meetup at the "The Mystery of Banksy" exposition. 40 people are expected, with the money covering costs for PhD students.

2023-10-06: Kaan Etikan (ABE) requests 10 000 kronor for food for 80 students during a board game night for the ABE students.

Meeting was adjourned at 15:31.

Signed by:



Daniel Medeiros - Meeting Chairperson



Andressa Mazur - Meeting Secretary



Fabio De Ferrari - Minutes Checker