



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

Minutes for Chapter Meeting #01

Place: T-Centralen (Drottning Kristinas väg 29, 114 28, Stockholm)

Date: September, 28th from 17:30 to 20:00

Invitees: Chapter Members, THS Representatives, Auditor

Formalities: [17:40]

1. Election of Meeting Chairperson, Secretary, Vote Counter and Minute Checker.
Daniel Medeiros, Zoé Barjot, Saumey Jain and Susanna Pozzoli were chosen respectively as Meeting Chairperson, Secretary, Vote Counter and Minutes Checker.
2. Approval of Agenda.
Agenda was approved.
3. Eventual matters related to formalities.
None.

Board Reports / Informs: [17:45]

4. Welcome speech and introduction to first-time members
Daniel Medeiros explained what THS and PhD Chapter do, called for new candidates to the PhD chapter. He presented the current finances, the available funds and received funding requests.
5. Board Reports
Daniel Medeiros explained about the following topics:
 - a. Survey: It is done and will be printed with a QR code to have access to the school level analysis. There will be presentations in KTH committees and is planned to be published on the website after getting these feedbacks. There were discussions on who will be handling this survey next year.
 - b. Salary negotiations: Chapter was urged to take action/get more involved with trade unions. Need to have better knowledge on who is negotiating salaries and the salary ladder which is also unclear how it is supposed to be enforced. Communication was launched between the Chapter and Trade Unions. There were discussions about the trade Unions and PhD student representatives.
 - c. T-centralen: New PhD students from ABE, EECS and SCI schools have access by default but ITM and CBH are still in the works.
 - d. Upcoming workshop in leadership and negotiation.
 - e. Upcoming Business visits.

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- f. Events: The Chapter has collaborated with THS International and held a reception for the first time, with four events. Upcoming: pub nights and karaoke.
6. THS Reports: [18:20]
Eric Forsell, from THS, reported the following:
- a. That THS is currently recruiting for the management team;
 - b. The implementation of anonymous written exams will start at one of the schools first, and KTH gave a directive that all exams that can be anonymised should be.
 - c. That THS is working together with KTH about the Campus restructuring;
 - d. That the student career fair is coming up soon;
 - e. That there will be a Nobel Banquet in December and THS is hosting the afterparty.
7. Councils Report (Representative from Councils)
- a. ITM: Mohammad Abuasbeh explained that there are now compulsory course of 6 credits about student influence, given by the FA, for all PhD students to be taken within the first 6 months of your PhD. The final project of the course is writing your own eISP. The course outline will be shared.
 - b. SCI: Lack of communication about time compensation deadlines last semester, and now there are negotiations on this. There were discussions how the time compensation should be. The event manager position will be taken care of by the other council members as Jana is leaving. Elections happening in December, need chair and vice chair (events will help recruitment).
 - c. ABE: Zoé Barjot explained that recent meetings were mostly about questions on time compensation due to the restructuring and implication. A lot of discussion around salary.
 - d. EECS: Saumey Jain explained that he is looking for new candidates for the council. New head of school is being recruited, and now EECS is planning some events.
 - e. CBH: No representatives were sent.

8. **Dinner break** [19:00]

Motions: [19:20]

9. Setting a time limit for nominations for elections
Saumey Jain presented the motion and then there were discussions about the motion. On vote: 11 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Motion is approved and will be incorporated into the statutes.
10. Changing the election term for the event manager
Daniel Medeiros presented the motion and then there were discussions. On vote: 10 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. One of the members left the meeting before this vote. The motion is approved in its first reading, and the elections in December will have a note saying that the term of Event Manager and Business Liaison might be subject to change.

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11. Winter Digital Elections

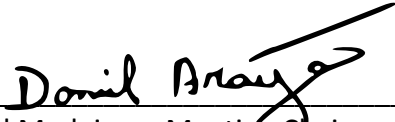
Daniel Medeiros and Teodor Elmfeldt explained the motions and there were discussions regarding the pros and cons of the methodology.

Vote on voting the motion as it is: 9 yes, 1 against, 0 abstention.

Vote on approval of the motion: 9 yes, 0 against, 1 abstention.

Meeting adjourned by Chairperson at 20:30

Signed by:



Daniel Medeiros - Meeting Chairperson



Zoé Barjot - Meeting Secretary



Susanna Pozzoli - Minutes Checker

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List of Attendance / Voting

Name	School	Note
Daniel Medeiros	EECS	
Eric Forsell		THS Representative
Teoh Yik Chirt	ABE	
Jana Vasiljevic	SCI	
Massimo Girondi	EECS	
Mattias Åstrand	SCI	
Mohammad Abuasbeh	ITM	
Sahba Zojaji	EECS	18:30 - 19:30
Saumeey Jain	EECS	
Susanna Pozzoli	EECS	
Zoé Barjot	ABE	
Vladilena Gaisina	SCI	
Teodor Elmfeldt		Auditor

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