

# Nominating committee report for Board Position of Vice Chair

Election errand for the Chapter meeting n.2 2023/2024

## Background

Chapter meeting no. 2 of the operational year 2023/24 was summoned to conduct business on December 4th, 2023 with election errands on seven (7) board member positions and four (4) chapter functionaries. The vacancies profiles were established, communicated through the [summon](#), and published on the website with reference document [here](#).

According to PhD Statutes [Dr2019-CM-01/0002](#), clause §5.11.3, the nominating committee shall:

- a) Interview candidates for the PhD Chapter board and if required, consult third parties for relevant information;
  - b) Propose nominations to the PhD Chapter board. Nominations are established through a single majority of the committee.
- Furthermore, according to §11.2 and §11.3 of the Working Directives [Dr2019-PB-01/0004](#), the nominating committee shall:

- Be responsible for preparing election errands and other 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.
- Unless otherwise specified in a separate policy document, shall be considered as grounds for recommendations: suitability of a candidate to the vacancy, representativeness, and diversity with regards to gender, study programs, and other backgrounds deemed applicable, such as study mode.

Two (2) people were nominated for the Vice Chair position before the deadline, coming from the schools of EECS (1) and ABE (1). Out of which one nomination was declined.

The one (1) nominees whose nominations was assessed and reported in this document is:

- **Doga Gürgünoglu** for the **Vice Chairperson** position,

During the interviews, the candidates were also asked if they would consider other vacant board positions and to provide the contact details for reference persons.

The nominating committee members hereby inform the Chapter meeting that:

- **Doga Gürgünoglu** is currently a member of the nominating committee, and he was nominated for consideration in the role of Vice Chairperson. The nomination came from a person outside the nominating committee (Daniel Araújo de Medeiros), in compliance with section §5.11.4. of the PhD Chapter Statutes. Upon receiving the nomination, the other members of the nominating committee took appropriate measures to prevent any conflict of interest. Hence, his suitability as a candidate is assessed separately by the remaining members of the committee. His access to the nominating committee's email and nomination forms were revoked at the moment when he was nominated in order to prevent any conflict of interest.

With that in mind, the nominating committee would like to recommend the chapter to consider the following candidates for the election as board members:

- **Doga Gürgünoglu** for the **Vice Chairperson** position, based on the qualities he displayed at the interview. Doga has been a member of the nominating committee for this year and has been the Education Manager for the PhD Chapter in 2022. He has worked on improving the quality of third-cycle education and also contributed to workgroups involving Swedish language courses for PhD students. His understanding of the chapter, the educational scenario and working of KTH is an asset for the board. Furthermore, his level of Swedish is enough to contribute to various representation tasks. He also expressed an interest in streamlining handover between the roles and in addition contribute and help everyone in the board, working together with the chairperson and rest of the board members.

## Suggestions

The nominating committee recommends the chapter meeting:


**To<sub>1</sub>** consider for election, **Doga Gürgünoglu** for the position board member of directors: **Vice Chairperson**

On behalf of the nominating committee,



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