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

Minutes for Chapter Meeting #02

Place: Henrik Eriksson (Lindstedtsvägen 3, 4th floor, Stockholm) and Zoom

Date: December, 4th from 17:30 to 20:00

Attendees: See list.

Formalities: [17:40]

1. Election of Meeting Chairperson, Secretary, Vote Counters and Minutes Checker.
Zoé Barjot, Daniel Medeiros, Sina Sheikholeslami, Steffen Hammer, Fabio De Ferrari and Kiran Chhatre were chosen respectively as Chairperson, Secretary, 2x Vote Counters and 2x Minutes Checker.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
The agenda was approved.
3. Approval of the previous protocol.
The previous protocol was approved.
4. Eventual matters related to formalities.
No matters were raised.

Board Reports / Informs: [17:45]

5. Welcome speech and introduction to first-time members (Dr Chairperson)
Daniel Medeiros gave a small introduction regarding the KTH structure, which should change from January 1st onwards, and the Chapter activities.
6. Board Reports (Dr Chairperson)
Daniel Medeiros mentioned the overall chapter activities for the semester, which includes pubs, receptions, the 2023 survey, a presentation at the Storträffen, and approving funding requests for events organized by the councils or doctoral students. Fabio De Ferrari presented the overall budget and costs of the PhD Chapter for the semester and whole year.
7. THS Reports (THS Head for Student Influence)
Maja Rosén reported that there is a new head of educational influence and that there is a great effort going towards the moving of campus and the faculty councils.
8. Councils Report (Representative from Councils)
EECS. Saumey Jain reported that the council had elections and the overall activities of the EECS Council.
SCI. Vladilena Gaisina mentioned that there are incoming elections for the SCI Council and that they recently shared the survey results. There are JML efforts focusing on PhD students. Recently, the council also underwent a renegotiation of their time compensation guidelines with the head of the school and the FA.

ITM. Mohammad Abuasbeh mentioned that the council has been focused on the survey analysis for the past month and that the time compensation guidelines are still the same. The head of school was reappointed for the next 3 years, and that there is an intro course on onboarding.

ABE. Daniel Medeiros spoke on behalf of Hampus, which sent him updates. In short, ABE Council obtained a role with 10% of time compensation for the Faculty Council, and they recently had elections and managed to fill all the positions.

CBH. Daniel Medeiros didn't have updates from CBH aside that they would be having elections soon.

Motions: [18:30]

9. Changing the election term for event manager (*second reading*)

The motion was explained by Daniel Medeiros and discussed. It was put for vote and obtained 15 votes in favor, 0 against, 2 abstains. The motion was approved and will be incorporated into the statutes.

Elections: [19:00]

10. Announcements of results

There was an initial discussion regarding whether the elections would be needed to be ratified or not. The original motion said that the results would need to be ratified, so a vote for that was done. 9 votes in favor, 3 abstains, 0 against. The election results were ratified and announced.

Vice Chair - Doga Gurgunoglu

Treasurer - Hemanth Venkatesan

Council Coordinator - Sina Sheikholeslami

Event Manager - Mattias Åstrand

Workgroups Manager - Zoé Barjot

Communication Manager - Andressa Mazur

Head of WoP - Andressa Mazur

Standard Bearer - Monika Rolinska

Vice Standard Bearer - Martin Lindström

Nominating Committee - Vladilena Gaisina, Andressa Mazur and Daniel Medeiros

Master of Ceremonies - Susanna Pozzoli

11. Vote to open or not nominations for the unfilled positions of Business Liaison and Nominating Committee. If approved, election procedures.

There was a discussion whether to open or not nominations during the Chapter Meeting. After the discussion, it went for voting: 13 to approve, 3 abstains, 0 against. Nominations were open.

Mohammad Abuasbeh nominated Matt Davoudizavareh as Business Liaison. He accepted the nomination and presented himself. After questions, voting for election: 12 yes, 3 abstentions, 0 against. Matt Davoudizavareh was elected as Business Liaison.

Daniel and Doga nominated Mohammad Abuasbeh as a Nominating Committee member. He accepted the nomination. After presenting himself and questions, there was a voting: 8 yes, 2 against, 3 abstentions. Mohammad Abuasbeh was elected as Nominating Committee member.

Susanna Pozzoli nominated Zoé Barjot as a Nominating Committee member. She accepted the nomination. After presenting herself and questions, there was a voting: 10 yes, 3 abstentions. Zoé Barjot was elected as a Nominating Committee member.

Dinner and Discussions: [20:15]

12. Outcome of Digital Elections

There was a general approval by those present regarding the digital elections although some improvements on Vote IT might still be necessary. It was agreed that a second run is necessary and another decision in March should be made before incorporating the election process into the statutes.

13. Discussions on the Future Matters of Councils and KTH

Daniel Medeiros raised some points regarding the overall restructuring of KTH, from the campus restructuring to the removal of VPs. There was some discussion on how education quality could be affected and which actions the Chapter should take.

14. JML Representation

Not discussed.

The meeting ended at 21:00.

Signed by:

Zoé Barjot - Meeting Chairperson

Daniel Medeiros - Meeting Secretary

Fabio De Ferrari - Minutes Checker

Kiran Chhatre - Minutes Checker

List of Attendees

Name	School	Voter	Online/In person	Note
Daniel Medeiros	EECS	Yes	In person	
Andressa Mazur	CBH	Yes	Online	Left 19.30
Doğa Gürgünoğlu	EECS	Yes	In person	
Fabio De Ferrari	EECS	Yes	In person	Left 18.30
Kiran Chhatre	EECS	Yes	In person	
Maja Rosén	-	No (THS)	Online	Left 20.00
Martin Lindström	EECS	Yes	In person	
Matt Davoudi	EECS	Yes	Online	19.30 - 20.00
Meike Bleeksma	CBH	Yes	In person	
Mohammad Abuasbeh	ITM	Yes	In person	
Mohd Aiman Khan	ABE	Yes	In person	
Saumey Jain	EECS	Yes	Online	Left 20.00
Sina Sheikholeslami	EECS	Yes	Online	
Susanna Pozzoli	EECS	Yes	In person	
Vladilena Gaisina	SCI	Yes	In person	
Zhikai Yang	CBH	Yes	In person	
Zoé Barjot	ABE	Yes	In person	
Massimo Girondi	EECS	Yes	Online	
Steffen Hammer	ITM	Yes	In person	