



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

Minutes for Chapter Meeting #03

Place: T-Centralen (Drottning Kristinas väg 29)

Date: March 20th, 2024

Attendees: See attached list

Formalia: [3 min – 5 min]

1. Election of Meeting Chairperson, Secretary, Vote Counters, and Minute Checker.
Daniel Medeiros was appointed as Meeting Chairperson, Doğa Gürgünoğlu was appointed as Secretary, Matt Davoudi was appointed as Minutes Checker, and Mohammad Abuasbeh and Vladilena Gaisina were appointed as the Vote Counters.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
The agenda was approved.
3. Approval of the previous protocol.
This point was not discussed.
4. Eventual matters related to formalities.
None was raised.

Board Reports / Informs: [20 min - 25 min]

5. Welcome speech and introduction to first-time members (Dr Chairperson)
Daniel presented the structure of KTH, the Ph.D. Chapter, and the school councils. This point was accidentally addressed before the formalities.
6. Board Reports (Dr Chairperson)
Daniel gave a brief overview of the board actives, both on the social side and the educational activities. Hemanth then proceeded to present an overview of the Ph.D. Chapter finances.
7. THS Reports (THS Head for Student Influence)
Emil Wik reported the activities of THS. He stated that the THS board is changing right now, and there are vacancies at THS Management. THS is posting updates on the campus move both in Swedish and English.
8. Councils Report (Representative from Councils)
 - ABE: No representatives from the ABE School Council were present.
 - ITM: Steffen informed the chapter regarding the ITM School Ph.D. Council board, and the new elections.
 - SCI: The SCI School Council is currently organizing many events. The school announced an official criterion that all students should publish a journal article during the first year. The psychological effects of such a change on

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Ph.D. students are discussed. A JML workshop is planned within the SCI school.

- EECS: Massimo stated that he is involved in the campus move in Kista. The council is trying to work with IT support regarding data on the Ph.D. salary ladder.

Decision: [20 min - 25 min]

9. Permission for the PhD Chapter Board to search and hire an external auditor for the period between July/2021 - June/2023 unless the auditor for that period does not reply to a new contact by 2024-03-31.

The decision was amended and approved with 16 votes in favor, none against, and 3 abstentions.

Motions (1st half): [60 min - 100 min]

10. Motion for a second test-run of digital elections (*No changes in statutes*)

Daniel stated that the Ph.D. Chapter is currently running a pilot project to run the chapter elections digitally. The first test run was done in December 2023 elections, and the motion is to perform a second test run during June 2024 elections. Point 5 of the motion is to be changed to “at the latest 30 minutes”. Point 3 is to be amended as “as of May 1st”. “Ph.D. support” is to be removed from Point 4. Point 7 is to be amended as (vote):

- a. “The following chapter meeting will accept nominations for board positions.” (0 in favor)
- b. “The following chapter meeting will not accept nominations for any board position except for functionary positions.” (9 in favor, 3 against, 7 abstain)
- c. “The following chapter meeting will not accept nominations for signatory board positions, and will accept nominations for non-signatory board positions including functionary positions.” (13 in favor, 3 against, 1 abstain)

Point 7 will be amended as stated in sub-clause c. Given the amendments stated in this document, the motion passed with 17 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstention votes.

11. Change the name of “Women in PhD network” to “Ph.D. Equality Network (PEN)” (*Single vote*)

There was a discussion about “gender equality” and “equality” and what should be the mission of this new committee. The motion was withdrawn.

12. Limit the number of terms for Ph.D. Board Members to 2 years (*1st vote*)

After a dinner break, this motion was discussed and voted. The motion passed its first reading with 18 votes in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions. The 2nd vote will be held during the next chapter meeting.

13. Allow multiple Chairperson in Councils (*Single vote*)

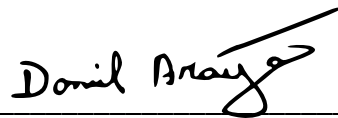
Amendment of the motion to restrict the number of chairpersons to 2 is accepted with 12 votes in favor, 1 against and 5 abstentions. The motion itself, with the passed amendment, is rejected with 8 votes in favor and 10 against.

14. Not allow the Chairperson/Treasurer of the Board to be a Council Chairperson (*Single vote*)


The motion was approved with 17 votes in favor, 0 votes against, and 1 abstention.

The meeting was adjourned at 20.53. The remaining points are postponed to the next chapter meeting.

Signed by:

 28/03/2024

Daniel Medeiros - Meeting Chairperson

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Doga Gurgunoglu - Meeting Secretary

Davoudi 25/03/2024

Matt Davoudizavareh - Minutes Checker

List of Attendance

Name	School	Dr Member	Notes
Daniel Medeiros	EECS	Yes	
Doğa Gürgünoğlu	EECS	Yes	
Ugne Miniotaite	SCI	Yes	
Sina Sheikholeslami	EECS	Yes	Left at Point 11
Hemanth Venkatesan	ITM	Yes	
Andressa Mazur	CBH	Yes	
Matt Davoudizavareh	ABE	Yes	
Mattias Åstrand	SCI	Yes	
Peiling Wu	ABE	Yes	Left at Point 5
Ibrahim Batayneh	SCI	Yes	
Sofia Strömqvist	EECS	No	Left at Point 11
Emil Wik	THS Central	No	
Serena Cozzolino	CBH	No	
Mohammad Abuasbeh	ITM	Yes	
Steffen Hammer	ITM	Yes	
Victor Baconnet	EECS	Yes	
Massimo Girondi	EECS	Yes	
Saumeey Jain	EECS	Yes	
Susanna Pozzoli	EECS	Yes	
Vladilena Gaisina	EECS	Yes	
Abhijeet Vishwasrao	SCI	Yes	
Francesco Mario d'Affiero	SCI	Yes	
Yi Meng Chan	SCI	Yes	