



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

Minutes for Board Meeting #10

Place: Lindstedtsvägen 3, Room "Henrik Eriksson"

Date: April 8th, from 16:00 to 18:00

Attendees:

Board members: Daniel, Doga, Andressa, Matt, Hemath, Matt, Ugne, Sina, Kiran, and Mattias (arrived 16.12)

Council representatives: Boel (ABE), Jura (EECS), Steffen (ITM), Karthik (CBH), Giorgio (CBH), Ellymay (CBH), and Ibrahim (SCI) (arrived 16.12)

Formalia: [5 min – 10 min]

1. Election of Meeting Chairperson, Secretary and Minutes Checker.
Daniel was appointed as Meeting Chairperson, Ugne as Secretary and Matt as Minutes Checker.
2. Approval of Agenda.
Agenda was approved without modifications.
3. Eventual matters related to formalities.
No matters raised.

Inform: [10 min – 20 min]

4. General Updates from the Chairperson: Upcoming events, Chapter Elections, Alien's Act, Meeting with SUS, THS Ombudsman and T-Centralen.
 - Daniel spoke about the upcoming comedy night on Thursday 11/4.
 - Matt has organized some company visits. A trip to Scania might be organized already next week.
 - Election for the PhD Chapter board will begin.. 6 positions will be open on the board. Daniel encouraged the councils to nominate people for the board.
 - The Swedish government has launched an investigation regarding researchers and research students' possibility to stay in Sweden. The report is to be presented in December.
 - Daniel together with Emil (CFU) from THS attended a meeting with SUS (Stockholm universitets studentkår). The structure of SUS is very different and they consist of 84 councils. In the meeting SUS spoke of a report by UKÄ about student influence for international students and how meetings held exclusively in Swedish hinders this. The approach to solve this issue at SU is to have certain committees be fully in English. Additionally, there are 5 education responsible people at the SUS board.

- THS Dr. ombud Ingrid Iliou will be retiring next year and no new person to fill her spot will be hired. It seems there will be a person who spends 10-20 % of their working time on research education questions.
- Because of the campus move, Chapters coming to campus Valhallavägen need Chapter halls. THS has proposed to move the PhD Chapter from T-centralen to Konsulatet (physics Chapter hall) and that TT will move in and share with T instead.
 - Jura brought up the point of physics having a culture which might not blend well with the types of events that the PhD Chapter hosts.
 - Mattias brought the point of T-centralen being close to a metro stop and this being important as PhD students are very scattered across KTH.
 - It was suggested that the Chapter proposes to move to any other large Chapter hall as we need a large space to host events. The meeting concluded that the board needs to gather information on our usage of T-centralen to make this case.
 - Jura suggested to bring up the argument of tradition and commenting that the PhD Chapter has been in T-centralen for 22 years.
 - Since the main argument for moving the PhD Chapter from T-centralen is that PhD student do not utilize the study spots and most PhD students do not have access to T-centralen and do not know of it being available as a working place, Sina suggested advertising T-centralen for study spots to PhD students.

5. Others

No other subjects.

Discussions: [60 min – 120 min]

6. Supervisor of The Year Award

Daniel explained about the award “Supervisor of the year”. Each council shall appoint a representative for the award and the joint committee will then rate the nominations.

7. Survey 2024

Daniel explained that the idea of the survey started from the PhD salary ladder. Daniel and Doga have then extended it to contain more categories. Everyone filled out the survey and the topics and questions were discussed one by one. It was decided that the topics of the survey should be limited to the salary ladder, vacation and sick leave and PhD Chapter and Chapter Hall. Daniel will remake the survey and send it out to the councils for final feedback in the coming week.

8. Others

Meeting ended at 18.10.

Decisions:

No decisions are scheduled to be done in this meeting.

Approved *per capsulam* decisions:

2024-03-20: Sigvard Bast (ABE) requests 500 sek (10-15 people) to fund fika for PhD students at the SEED division.

2024-03-20: Beatriz Perez Horno (ITM) requests 3000 kr for a mingle among PhD students that does research on solar panels. 20 students are expected.

2024-03-20: Sofia Bobadilla (EECS) requests 2500 kr for a football match in the TCS division. 10 students are expected.

2024-03-22: Jordi Altayó (EECS) requests 1000 kr (10 people) to "buy flowers and cake/fika as (a farewell) gift to our swedish teacher for the swedish course in Kista as thank you as she comes to Kista every week to give the swedish for employees course".

2024-03-24: Daniel Medeiros (Chairperson) requests up to 32000 kr for a dinner in connection to the Lasertag Tournament. 90 students.

2024-04-02: Andreza Mazur (Communication Manager) requests 1500 kr for an annual subscription of Canva Pro as it will help improve the quality of the art displayed in our social media and emails.

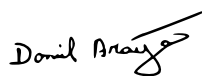
2024-04-03: Andressa Mazur (Head of WoP) requests 8000 kr for a dinner in connection to the exhibition of the movie "Picture a Scientist" on April 8th. 40 students are expected.

2024-04-03: Saumey Jain (Master of Ceremonies) requests 4000 kr for the upcoming karaoke night, including 2-day Singa subscription and the usual food/gift cards for the people manning the pubs. 90 students are expected.

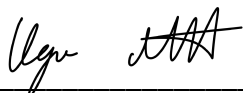
2024-04-03: Meike Bleeksma (EECS) requests 1800 kr to fund art materials and snacks in a paint night at the MST division. 15 students are expected.

2024-04-05: Henrik Johansson (EECS) requests 37800 kr to fund an afterwork at EECS on the Ugglan Boule & Bar, with activity and dinner. 84 students are expected, and this was funded under the premise that EECS school had few events during the last months.

Signed by:



Daniel Medeiros - Meeting Chairperson



Ugne Miniotaite - Meeting Secretary



Matt Davoudizavareh - Minutes Checker