

Meeting Minutes: DS General Assembly, 2024-11-06

Time: 11:45 – 13:15

Place: HA1, Entrance from Hörsalsvägen 4, Johanneberg

§1. Opening of the meeting

Meeting started at 12:05

§2. Election of meeting officials

Proposed officials:

Chair – Ruben Seyer (was also granted speaking rights as not a DS member)

Secretary – Francisco Blas Izquierdo Riera

Reviewers and vote counters – Ioanna Motschan-Armen and Vivien Lacorre

Decision: The above officials were elected, Ruben Seyer was also given the right to speak.

§3. Approval of electoral register

The electoral register is attached afterwards

Decision: The electoral register was approved

§4. Approval of the agenda

Decision: The agenda was approved without changes

§5. Meeting notice in due order

Meeting notice on 20th October with preliminary agenda

Final agenda shared on 29th October

Decision: Meeting notice was in due order

§6. Minutes from previous meeting

Available at <https://www.dokt.chs.chalmers.se/public/#GAm>

Decision: The minutes of the prior general assembly were taken into consideration

§7. Presentation of findings from the auditor

Report is available at <https://www.dokt.chs.chalmers.se/public/#AR>

Rana Saha, auditor for 2023/2024, mentioned some documents were missing from prior to last board (2022/2023).

Recommendation from the auditor: Freedom of responsibility for the board of 2023/2024. Future boards should solve issue of missing documentation.

Decision: The auditor's findings accepted into the minutes

§8. Vote on freedom of responsibility

Report on activities 2023/2024

Report is available at <https://www.dokt.chs.chalmers.se/public/#AR>

Summary from presentation by Paul Imgart, prior chair.

2023/2024 was challenging due to restructuring which is still in progress. A lot of work had to be done by a small number of people.

The aim of restructuring is allowing PhDs. to be active at DS without being board members and for smaller periods of time.

Representation tasks and introduction days have worked quite well.

Supervisor of the year was elected: Ida-Maja Hassellöv (M2)

DS participated on CHARM.

The Phd. Survey was carried.

Some social events organized on second half period: the alumni event and an afterwork.

Work was done on a proposal to prevent sexual harassment which is supported by all local councils, the Student Union and Dr. GENIE.

Work was done on issues with departmental duties and will be ongoing on the next period.

Finally tasks and routines were handed over to the next board.

Suggestion from a member: bring the sexual harassment report to the heads of department.

Answer of Virág Varga, Dr. GENIE vice-chair: since department heads should be already aware of the issues and context was good due to Chalmers revising the regulations, a decision was made to follow a top-down approach.

Financial report 2023/2024

Summary from presentation by Paul Imgart, prior chair.

Finances separated on two periods: when Francisco Blas Izquierdo Riera was a chair and when Paul Imgart was a chair.

There was a small gain of money.

Question from a member: where do incomes come from?

Paul Imgart, prior chair: Membership fees and Chalmers compensation for DOMB and board work.

Debate and comments

Fredrik Börjesson Sandén, current chair, raises the point that he is not aware of any misconduct nor was the auditor.

Decision: The board for 2023/2024 including all the members that resigned during the mandate are all free of liability.

§9. Plan of Operation 2024/2025

Available at <https://www.dokt.chs.chalmers.se/public/#POO>.

Christina Lee, current Co-chair, presents.

Work is being made on allowing people to get more involved and making DS more transparent. Committees are being created to allow non board members to be involved. Core activities are available on the report.

Special interests for this year from different committees.

Management (MaDS):

- Implement a new structure
- Evaluate and update the statutes of DS to better align with working practices in collaboration with the student union
- Investigate the way Chalmers works with withdrawal of resources to ensure PhD.'s rights are respected

Social events (6DS):

- Try to make social events more frequent

Communication (CoDS):

- Increase presence on social media
- Make DS more known on campus
- Update IT infrastructure used for communication

Work Environment (WESEE):

- Continue with representation
- Decouple salary increase from completing the licenciate

Research Education (REDS):

- Continue work with evaluation of research schools

Question from a member about process of replacing the DOMB.

Fredrik Börjesson Sandén, current chair: a very strong candidate is present and has undergone screening from vice rector, student union and others.

Question from a member: is there money in place for the DOMB? What is the information on the website?

Fredrik Börjesson Sandén, current chair: From 1st to 15th of November there is no DOMB due to transition as contract was prolonged many times. Francisco should update the information.

Question from a member regarding workload and number of cases of resource withdrawal.

Fredrik Börjesson Sandén, current chair: We saw a spike of cases (4 or so) hence why we want to check the reasons why this happened. DS is trying to understand what happened.

Discussion on rewrite of policies for resource withdrawal will be made tomorrow. An updated improved but not perfect version is already present.

Question from a member: is the salary connected to licenciate or also midterm seminar?

Fredrik Börjesson Sandén, current chair: it is connected to a successful completion of either. The issue is that completion rarely happens half way.

A discussion followed on this topic, different arguments were raised about the need to change or not this.

Decision: The operational plan for this year is approved

§10. Budget for 2024/2025

Total budget is 2 096 144 krona in income and savings this year. Final balance is expected to be 1 063 292 krona.

Most of the budget is unchanged from last year but due to excessive savings we will increase expenses in social events.

Decision: The proposed budget was approved.

§11. Elections for Nomination Committee 2024/25

Proposed members: Carolin Behrens, Ioanna Motschan-Armen, and Mattia de Lazzari

The GA opens up for any self-nominations to the Nomination Committee.

Self nominations: Francisco Blas Izquierdo Riera, and Arushi Kanojia

The present nominees discussed briefly their reasons to be nominated.

Fredrik Börjesson Sandén, current chair remembered that it is possible to contribute in the committees too.

Decision: All 5 nominees: Carolin Behrens, Ioanna Motschan-Armen, Mattia de Lazzari, Francisco Blas Izquierdo Riera, and Arushi Kanojia, were elected for the post.

§12. Other matters

Members are being searched from mixed departments at both GU and Chalmers for a workforce on the difference of treatment of PhDs.

IT committee (DSIT) is looking for help and a successor.

Decision: None to be taken

§13. Closing of the meeting

Decision: Meeting was closed at 13:10

Electoral Register

1. Adam Burman (Left at 12:59)
2. Adam Johansson
3. Adam Sköld
4. Adrià Amell Tosas
5. Agata Marrchi
6. Akhilesh Arjun
7. Alejandro Luque Cerpa
8. Alex George Leman
9. Alex Maltesson (Left at 13:00)
10. Ali Esmaeeli
11. Anand Joseph Michael (Arrived at 12:06)
12. Andrei-Alexandru Ionescu (Left at 12:59)
13. Antonina Skurka
14. arushi kanojia
15. Athanasios Theodoridis
16. Bart Jelle van der Steenhoven
17. Boel Brandström
18. Caroline Sartorato Silva Franca
19. Chiara Fantinato (Left at 12:56)
20. Chloe Rantzou
21. Christian Bosser
22. Christina Lee
23. Christoffer Rönndahl
24. Daniel Magnusson
25. Ebba Grönfors
26. Elisa Bernal Reino
27. Evelina Nyqvist
28. Francisco Blas Izquierdo Riera
29. Greta Braun
30. Hanna Hallborn
31. Hao Wang

32. Huizhong Cao
33. Ioanna Motschan-Armen
34. Jelka Feldhusen
35. Jin Wang (Left at 13:02)
36. Johan Ulander
37. Konstantinos Konstantinidis
38. Konstantinos Sotiropoulos (Left at 13:09)
39. Lei Ni (Left at 12:59)
40. Lorenzo Perticone
41. Luca Gagliani
42. Luca Giacomo Invidiato (Left at 12:59)
43. Ludwig Gustavsson (Left at 12:59)
44. Madhushree Mrutyunjaya Happalad (Arrived at 12:08)
45. Maja Svanberg (Left at 12:58)
46. Maria Cervin-Ellqvist
47. Marie Vander Borgh
48. Marli Swanepoel (Left at 13:00)
49. Maximilian Forberg
50. Meng-Ju Hsieh (Left at 13:00)
51. Mengyu Huang
52. Michael Timothy O'Connell (Arrived 12:15)
53. Minerva Suvanto (Left at 12:38)
54. Mohan Rajashekarappa
55. Mustapha Saleh
56. Paul Imgart
57. Qi Fang
58. Rui Wang (Left at 13:00)
59. Siyuan Chen (Left at 12:58)
60. Uchit Sangroula
61. Vicente Salinas
62. Virág Varga
63. Vivien Lacorre

64. Yiting Cai

Glossary

Department names

ACE: Architecture and Civil Engineering

K: Chemistry and Chemical engineering

CLS: Communication and Learning in Science

CSE: Computer Science and Engineering

E2: Electrical Engineering

IMS: Industrial and Material Science

LIFE: Life Sciences

MV: Mathematical Science

M2: Mechanics and Maritime Sciences

MC2: Microtechnology and Nanoscience

F: Physics

SEE: Space Earth and Environment

TME: Technology Management and Economics

Doctoral Section committee names

6DS: Social Events committee

CoDS: Communication committee

DSIT: DS' IT committee

MaDS: Management Team

NoCo: Nomination Committee

REDS: Research and Education Committee

WESEE: Work Environment, Sustainability, Equality and Ethics Committee

Other

CHS: Chalmers Student Union

DS: Doctoral Section

GA: General Assembly

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