

## Agenda, DS General Assembly #VT13, 2013-05-15

Time: 12.00-13.00

Place: HA3, Hörsalsvägen, Johanneberg

Point on the agenda

### §1. Opening of meeting

Viktor Andersson, DS chairman, opened the meeting.

### §2. Election of meeting officials

- Chairman: Viktor Andersson
- Secretary: Richard Hedman
- Sealers of the minutes: Thomas Ekvall and Thomas Lechner

### §3. Approval of electoral register

List of attendees who have the right to vote:

1. Viktor Andersson
2. Francesso Mazzotta
3. Stig Anton Nielsen
4. Nojan Najafi
5. Marcus Assar Lind, TME
6. Rajet Krishnan
7. Mohammad Reza, Shoaei, S2
8. Erjk Lindskog, PPU
9. Richard Hedman, MoT
10. Hampus Linander, FP
11. Eskil Varenius, ESS
12. Daniel Sääf, FP
13. Amir Malakizadi, MoT
14. Dinesh Mallipeddi, MoT
15. Erik Stenvall, MoT
16. Wmma Qingnan Zhang, BoM (CEE)
17. Thomas Lechner, BoM (CEE)
18. Natalie Williams Portal, BoM (CEE)
19. Sanna Björkegren (KB)
20. Alexandra Bergman (KB)
21. Johanna Dombrovskis (KB)
22. Anna Palme (KB)
23. Sara Heimersson (KB)
24. Anna Clemeus (AP)
25. Gülis Zengin (AP)
26. Virginia Claudio (AP)
27. Ragnar Lárusson (AM)
28. Jóna María Olafsdóttir (AM)
29. Stefania Òsk Gardarsdóttir (EE)
30. Thomas Ekvall (EE)
31. Patrick Moldenhauer (EE)
32. Zhenyang Liu (KB)
33. Naga V Irukulapati (S2)
34. David Gustafsson (MC2)
35. Oskar Talcoth (S2)
36. Michal Pulka, CSE

#### **§4. Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved.

#### **§5. Meeting notice in due order**

The meeting notice was sent out in due order.

#### **§6. Minutes from previous meeting General assembly December 2012**

The minutes from the general assembly in December 2012 were sealed.

#### **§7. Brief report on activities and financial update 2012-2013**

- Supervisor of the year

**Viktor Andersson**

Erik Agrell from the department of Signals and Systems was announced in Mars as supervisor of the year. The full motivation can be found on the DS homepage.

- Guidelines for getting licentiate salary increase

**Viktor Andersson**

Not so much has happened since the last General Assembly in December 2012. DS continues to follow up on this issue in the research board of education. Some members of the research board of education do not consider this issue to be a real problem. They state that the system is working and that any problems only concerns a very small number of PhD students. The DS council does not agree with this. However, as of now, it is hard to get accurate statistics from the departments and consequently it is hard for DS to build a case to present on the research board of education. The next board will continue to work with this. A suggestion was made to conduct new survey to get better statistics.

- Work group for better cooperation student-supervisor

**Francesco Mazzotta**

A survey was sent out through the DS newsletter. In total 258 PhD students filled in the survey. That approximately corresponds to an answering rate of 25%. Vice chairman Francesco Mazzotta presented a short summary of the initial results (see appended slides).

There is a lot of data and the next board will continue to compile and analyze the data. More detailed results and analysis will be presented on the DS homepage and communicated through the DS newsletter.

- Newsletter

**Viktor Andersson**

The DS Board has initiated a newsletter. It is scheduled to be sent out 3-4 times per year. The first newsletter was sent out in April 2013. Not so many of the General Assembly participants remember the newsletter. The DS Board will put more effort into promoting it. However, the General Assembly

acknowledged that the letter is needed. All PhD students are encouraged to send feedback on the newsletter.

- Financial updates

**Francesco Mazzotta**

The major parts of the DS monetary funds are spent on salaries. DS Board members get compensated for the work they put in when they represent PhD students in committees, board meetings and work groups. DS also pays salary for the Doktorombudet (DOMB). The DOMB is employed directly by the DS board and he is therefore unbound, apolitical and neutral, and information given to DOMB can be kept confidential after agreement with the PhD student.

There was a positive result of approximately 40 000 SEK from last year, and this year the result will be slightly negative. However, not exceeding 40 000 SEK. The DS Board is a non-profit organization.

PhD students that have ideas about activities, seminars etc. that they find interesting and want the DS Board to arrange are encouraged to contact the DS Board. Preferably before the budget is set for 2013/14, which is done during the summer.

#### **§8. Course administration for PhD Students**

Current situation:

- Cannot register for courses
- Registration for exams not possible
- Progress in course cannot be tracked

DS wants to solve this issue in the upcoming restructuring of the administrative support. See the appended document "Course administration for PhD students" for a more detailed description.

The General Assembly was asked to give comments on this issue. It was argued that it is a problem and that it can be handled more smoothly than today. The General Assembly agreed that the DS Board should take this issue to the research board of education. However, a comment was raised stating that there are other issues for the DS Board that have higher priorities and that this should be taken into consideration.

#### **§9. Elections 2013/2014**

The new DS Board for 2013/14 was elected.

Chairman: Francesco Mazzotta, Applied Physics

Vice chairman: Ronja Thies, Fundamental Physics

**The entire DS Board:**

Department	Name
<b>Applied Information Technology</b>	-
<b>Applied Mechanics</b>	Ragnar Lárusson
<b>Applied Physics</b>	Francesco Mazzotta
<b>Architecture</b>	Stig Nielsen
<b>Chemical and Biological Engineering</b>	Karin Jonsson, Zhenyang Liu
<b>Civil and Environmental Engineering</b>	Emma Zhang
<b>Computer Science and Engineering</b>	-
<b>Earth and Space Sciences</b>	Eskil Varenius
<b>Energy and Environment</b>	Viktor Andersson, Patrick Moldenhauer
<b>Fundamental Physics</b>	Ronja Thies
<b>Materials and Manufacturing Technology</b>	Amir Malakizadi, Dinesh Mallipeddi
<b>Mathematical Sciences</b>	Matteo Molteni
<b>Microtechnology and Nanoscience</b>	David Gustafsson
<b>Product and Production Development</b>	Erik Lindskog
<b>Shipping and Marine Technology</b>	Francesco Baldi
<b>Signals and Systems</b>	Rajet Krishnan, Mohammad Reza Shoaee
<b>Technology Management and Economics</b>	Nojan Najafi

Paul Holmström was elected as auditor.

There are still no representatives from Applied Information Technology or Computer Science and Engineering.

**§10. Other issues**

A question was raised concerning the progress of work visa for non-European PhD students. This is currently handled on a national level by SFS dk. DS continues to follow up on this issue.

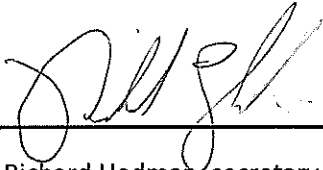
**§11. Closing of the meeting**

The meeting was closed by Chairman Viktor Andersson.



Viktor Andersson, chairman

Date: 2013-06-14



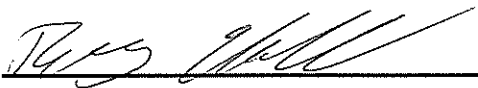
Richard Hedman, secretary

Date: 2013-06-03



Thomas Lechner, sealer of the minutes

Date: **2013-05-28**



Thomas Ekvall, sealer of the minutes

Date: 2013-05-27