

Minutes: DS General Assembly #HT20, 2020-11-26

Time: 12.00 - 13.00

Place: Zoom Remote meeting

Point on agenda

§1. Opening of the meeting

Christopher opens the meeting 12.05

§2. Election of meeting officials

- Chair
Christopher nominates himself as meeting chairman.
Decision: Approved
- Secretary
Masoud Bahraini is nominated as secretary.
Decision: Approved
- Adopters of the minutes
Adriana and Omkar were nominated as adopters of the minutes.
Decision: Approved

§3. Approval of electoral register

- List of attendees who have the right to vote
Decision: Approved

§4. Approval of agenda

Decision: Approved

§5. Meeting notice in due order

- The meeting notice was sent out in due time to all doctoral students (at least 2 weeks before the meeting), and final notice and documents were sent in due time (at least 1 week before the meeting).

Decision: Approved

§6. Minutes from previous meeting

- The minutes from the previous General Assembly meeting (2020-06-02) is available at the DS webpage (<http://www.dokt.chs.chalmers.se/public/>)

Decision: Approved

§7. Financial statement of the DS board: 2019/2020


The financial summary of the last three years was briefly presented by the former vice chair Mursalin. During the meeting the focus was on the finances of the last year. In summary, costs have been high but still within budget. This is due to increased salaries, particularly departmental hours as one can choose to have either departmental hours or salary for the work done at DS. Mursalin also mentioned that a large sum was taken by the tax agency due to surplus money left over from 2018/2019 (as tax agency reasoned that this is profit, although DS is a non-profit organization). DS has now been approved considered a non-profit organization. Finally, Mursalin presented that the main hours have been spent on activities such as Board of research education (FUN), Charm + Alumni event, DS survey, Covid Webinar etc.

- Statement from the auditor (Sreelekha Etikyala): The finances were found to be in good order
- Decision on freedom of liability for the previous board


Decision: Approved




Christopher Sauer
DS Chair



Masoud Bahraini
Secretary



Adriana Canales Ramos
Adopter of minutes



Omkar Salunke
Adopter of minutes

§8. Election of the DS nomination committee

Artem Rodionov, Stina Månsson and Gabriella Gatenholm have been nominated

Decision: Approved

§9. Election of the Auditor for the period 2020-21

Mohammad Salahi Nezhad (MCM) nominated to be the auditor for the coming year

Decision: Approved

§10. Report on current DS activities

- ESP (Electronic study plan): Beta testing starts in January 2021
- New procedure for follow-up meeting is being implemented. Christopher introduced the current and future framework.
- Rules of Procedure for doctoral education. Christopher mentioned that the last one was approved in August 2020 and will be continuously evaluated for improvements and all doctoral students can help influence this.
- Quality assurance of good supervisors has been initiated by FUN.
- Recruitment of a new DOMB as new contracts cannot be given to the current DOMB. Several doctoral students asked to keep the current DOMB and Christopher will look into this.
- National approach of possible extension due to Covid-19 has been discussed in an SFS-DK meeting.
- Supervisor of the year award 2021: Call for nominations until 31st of December (<https://www.dokt.chs.chalmers.se/supervisor-of-the-year-2020-21-call-for-nominations/>).
- GTS 2.0. New format will be available, and more information will be communicated in the near future.
- Outdoor social activity; successful activity with many participants joining for hiking.
- DS survey (highest participation rate ever). Report available at www.dokt.chs.chalmers.se/public/ and https://www.dokt.chs.chalmers.se/ds_survey_2020/chalmers_overview.html and has been highly requested as it is used in several different meetings to understand and help improve doctoral students' situations.
- 'Navigate Academia, maximize your potential' workshop series webinars was very successful and much appreciated by the participants.

§11. Other issues (if any)

Questions about DOMB raised again for clarification regarding why current DOMB cannot continue. Christopher mentions several reasons but will look into it again.

DS nominations asked to be explained: The nomination committee interviews and selects the DS board members for the next year and nominates them for election to the General Assembly.

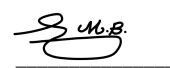
Discussion about Genie PhD Group. Jayesh will reach out to departmental councils and students (not only the ones in local councils or DS) are encouraged to join this group.

§12. Closing of the meeting


The meeting was closed 12.50 by Christopher.




Christopher Sauer
DS Chair



Masoud Bahraini
Secretary



Adriana Canales Ramos
Adopter of minutes



Omkar Salunke
Adopter of minutes

Participant list:

Masoud Bahraini
Christopher Sauer
Yasaman Dabirian
Alberto Cabo Rios
Adriana Canales Ramos
Amanda Nylund
Mursalin Sajib
Anders Ahlbom
Ananda Subramani Kannan
Andrea Fazi
Anna Köhler
Andri Spilker
Artem Rodionov
Carl Andersson
Carolyn Oddy
Christian Langner
Daniel Nåfors
Divya Grover
Elin Malmgren
Filip Buric
Franz Kanngiesser
Gabriella Gatenholm
Georgios Diapoulis
Georgios Mademlis
Hannes Helmholz
Irene Lobo Valbuena
Isabel Rodrigues
Iván Domenzain
Iñigo Alonso Fernandez
Jannik Theyssen
Jayesh Khatri
Jonathan Ullmark
Josefine Preuss
Maria Jangsten
Michele Maglio
Nitesh Raj Jaladurgam
Robert Auenhammaer
Omkar Salunkhe
Pratheeba Chanda Nagarajan
Sreelekha Etikyala
Randi Franzke
Sune Levin
Xiaolu Zhang
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