

# Minutes: General Assembly, Chalmers Doctoral Student Guild #VT23-1, 2024-2-22

**Time:** 11:45 – 14:15

**Place:** [HA1, Hörsalsvägen 4, 412 58 Göteborg](#)

## §1. Opening of the meeting

Meeting was opened at 12:00

**Decision:** None to be taken

## §2. Election of meeting officials and approval of agenda

**Chair** – Vivien Lacorre

**Secretary** – Fredrik Börjesson Sandén

**Reviewers (and vote counters)** – Eric Voortman Landström, Angelica Avella

**Decision:** The meeting officials were approved unanimously

## §3. Approval of electoral register

52 attendees with the right to vote were present. The participant list is attached to this document. It also shows times when people left early.

**Decision:** The electoral register was approved unanimously

## §4. Approval of the agenda

**Decision:** the agenda was approved unanimously without any changes

## §5. Meeting notice in due order

The meeting notice and preliminary agenda were sent on February 7th, 15 days ahead of the meeting. The statutes (2.3) require 14. The final agenda was published on February 15th, 7 days ahead of the meeting. The statutes (2.10) require 7.

**Decision:** meeting notice was sent out in due order and approved unanimously

## §6. Co-Options

**Decision:** David Hedgren Education President at Chalmers Student Union (CHS) and their contact with the doctoral section was co-opted and given the right to attend, speak and motion according to (2.12) of our statutes. Måns Carlberg and Linus Volbaek Sonden members of the

Chalmers Cortège Committee were co-opted and given the right to attend and speak about participation in the Cortège during § 20 Other matters according to (2.12) of our statutes. The decision was taken unanimously.

## §7. Minutes from previous meeting

**Decision:** The minutes from the previous General Assembly (2023-04-20) were accepted unanimously.

## §8. Annual report from the DS board 2022/2023

The former chair of the Chalmers PhD Student Guild, Daniel Gyllenhammar (TME), presented the highlights of the Annual report from the DS board 2022/2023. Daniel indicated that the full report can be found on the DS website at

<https://www.dokt.chs.chalmers.se/media/DS-Annual-report-2022%E2%81%842023.pdf>.

Highlights included but are not limited to:

- General assemblies were held in November and April
- Five board meetings were held
- The board was active in various activities and committees in Chalmers.
- Events with Unimeet, Chalmers Ventures etc.
- The DS supported the manifestations for the people in Iran.

Daniel Gyllenhammar (TME) was satisfied that the work-group system has been put into effect.

There were also questions regarding the manifestation in favor of Iran, and the issues with the residence permits during 2022/2023. This is still being worked with, mostly through labor unions.

**Decision:** None to be taken

## §9. Financial record of the DS board 2022/2023

The former Chalmers PhD student Guild, Daniel Gyllenhammar (TME), presented a summary of the financial record and the hours spent on the main projects of the DS board 2022/2023 indicated that the outcome is positive and in line with previous years. Some questions regarding the total amount of money the DS have access to were raised on the details of the financial balance and addressed by Daniel Gyllenhammar (TME).

The majority of the costs of the DS are allocated to the salary of the DOMB, and compensation to the board members. Also smaller costs for events. The auditor deemed the work satisfactory, though the bookkeeping could be updated to modern standards. However, for the purpose of the DS, it is acceptable.

**Decision:** None to be taken

## §10. Auditor's report of the DS board 2022/2023

The elected auditor for 2022/2023, Eric Landström Voortman (M2), presented a summary of his audit and recommended the board to be free from liability.

**Decision:** None to be taken

Francisco points out that there has been issue with taxation of the DOMB due to their work in both Sweden and Finland.

## §11. Freedom of liability of board members for 2022/2023

**Decision:** The assembly granted freedom of liability for the DS board 2022/2023, in agreement with the auditor's recommendation. The decision was taken unanimously.

## §12. Election of the Nomination Committee (NoCo) for 2023/2024

The DS board has proposed (in alphabetical order) Gabriel Arslan Waltersson (E2), Angelica Avella (IMS), Yin Zeng (MC2), and Heng Zhu (M2). Yiting Cai (SEE) nominated herself.

**Decision:** Gabriel Arslan Waltersson (E2), Angelica Avella (IMS), Yin Zeng (MC2), Heng Zhu (M2) and Yiting Cai (SEE) were elected to be the nomination committee for 23/24. The decision was taken unanimously.

## §13. Election of auditor for 2023/2024

Nominations have been received from:

- Rana Saha (M2)
- Savitha Srinivasan (K)

DS President suggestion: vote either Rana or Savitha and allocate some time so Eric, the prior auditor, can support and advice the elected person. Alternatively, choose both and let them audit the accounts independently.

It was pointed out that the statutes only allow for one auditor.

A motion was put forward by Francisco that Rana Saha (M2) was elected, as Savitha Srinivasan (K) was not present in the meeting. This motion was accepted, though not unanimously.

**Decision:** Rana Saha (M2) was elected to be the auditor for 23/24, and time was allocated to allow Eric to help them get started. The decision was taken unanimously.

## §14. Plan of Operations and Budget for 2023/2024

Francisco presented the plan of operations (POO) and thanked Paul Imgart for his job with it. The Budget was also presented.

The POO included, but is not limited to:

Representation of the DS in, for instance the board of Chalmers AB, the Chalmers Faculty council, Forsknings-och utbildningssnämnden (FUN) etc.

Representation on the relevant labor unions. Specifically, the idea that the salary increase associated with achieving the licentiate shall be tied instead to time spent doing the PhD.

DS communications with the student body.

Organization of Alumni-events.

Representation of the DS in local councils.

The PhD-survey.

POO in its entirety is available on The Plan of Operations can be found on <https://www.dokt.chs.chalmers.se/media/POO-2023-2024-draft-1.pdf> and budget is available on <https://www.dokt.chs.chalmers.se/media/Budget-DS-2023-2024.odt>

A discrepancy was found in the local council for IT. The council was not updated from last year's local council.

Representatives from Dr. Genie addressed the room, stating what they were doing and how, with a request for one more student from Mechanical and Maritime engineering to join their council.

A request for the board to present a more detailed time plan/ follow-up for the POO by Rana Saha (M2).

A motion was put forward to postpone all motions and following points of the agenda that requires a vote until the next general assembly.

This motion was accepted, though not unanimously.

A motion was put forward that the budget and resignation points were to be handled in this assembly. This motion was accepted unanimously.

**Decision:** The POO and the budget were unanimously approved.

## §15. Propositions by the board

No propositions were presented by the board.

**Decision:** None to be taken.

## §16. Motions by members

A total of nine motions have been presented by members and are available on <https://www.dokt.chs.chalmers.se/media/Motions-GA-february-2024.zip> The following are the motions that have been presented by members:

- Motion: Compensation of board and non-board members (motion0-signed.pdf)
- Motion: Compensation of board and non-board members (motion1-signed.pdf)

- Motion: a more representative board (motion2-signed.pdf)
- Motion: a slimmer board (motion3-signed.pdf)
- Motion: Compensation for FUM representatives and CHS board and committee members (motion4-signed.pdf)
- Motion: better deadlines for propositions (motion5-signed.pdf)
- Motion: budget for Dr.Genie (motion6-signed.pdf)
- Motion: Reworking the statutes (motion7-signed.pdf)
- Motion: other member types (motion8-signed.pdf)

The recommendation from the board for all the motions is to table them to the next General Assembly since there was not enough time to analyze them and some of them are quite complex.

All motions presented by members are attached to the minutes.

**Decision:** As per the earlier motion (see paragraph 15) no vote was called on this issue.

## §17. Resignations

Evgeniya Pavlova (LIFE) presented her resignation to the President on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January. The President said some words to thank Evgeniya for her work on the board and desired her the best of luck with her PhD.

**Decision:** Evgeniya Pavlova's resignation was accepted unanimously.

## §18. By-elections

Michael O'Connell (CLS) was nominated. Francisco mentions that he was suggested by the newly formed CLS local council to represent them and the statutes (4.2) require "to the extent possible, have one representative from each department at Chalmers." because of this Michael has been invited to the Board Meetings and given voice until an election could be held.

Isabelle Dombeck (LIFE) was nominated to fill the spot left by Evgeniya.

Francisco also remembered that as it is now the board is the largest of all of Chalmers sections and that with the exception of LIFE (were the only member left is the vicepresident who cannot have a deputy) it would be preferable to not to increase the number of board members further. Deputy members on the other hand are preferable since they can still represent the department if a member is missing.

A deputy from MC2 and from SEE are looked for.

Members from other departments interested can self-nominate themselves although the president would recommend they do so as deputies.

Nobody self-nominated themselves.

**Decision:** Michael O'Connell (CLS), Isabelle Dombeck (LIFE) were elected as members. The decision was taken unanimously.

## §19. Report of current activities

This section has already been communicated (see paragraph 14)

**Decision:** None to be taken.

## §20. Other matters

Topics likely to be raised: FUM elections, Cortege, Sports Committee.

An address from the CCC explaining what the Chalmers Cortege is, how to sign up (email at [ccc@cortegen.se](mailto:ccc@cortegen.se) or [byggc@cortegen.se](mailto:byggc@cortegen.se)). It should be noted that one can get free, unlimited beer.

Participation costs 2050 kr, for which you get Cortegeprogram worth 1900 kr which can be sold at the streets of Gothenburg.

Part of the cost can potentially be covered by the DS.

Election of the FUM

An address from Francisco regarding election of a coalition of members for the FUM. Interested students are encouraged to contact Francisco for more information.

Giovanni wants to start a sport committee in the DS in an attempt to get more sports into PhD-life. Students interested are encouraged to contact [giotiz@chalmers.se](mailto:giotiz@chalmers.se).

**Decision:** None to be taken.

## §21. Closing of the meeting

The meeting was closed at 13:36 by the chair of the meeting, Vivien Lacorre

**Decision:** None to be taken

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Fredrik Börjesson Sandén

Meeting Secretary

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Vivien Lacorre

Meeting Chair

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Eric Landström Voortman

Adjuster

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Angelica Avella

Adjuster

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Francisco Blas Izquierdo Riera

DS Chair 2023/2024

## Glossary

### Work group names

6DS: Events work group

CoDS: Communication work group

IT: Information Technologies work group.

MoDS: Onboarding (Mottagning) work group.

NoCo: Nomination committee.

REDS: Research and Education work group.

WESEE: Work Environment, Sustainability, Equality and Ethics work group.

### 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

### Other

CHS: Chalmers Student Union

GA: General Assembly



# Annexes

## Electoral register

Arrival (if after meeting started)	What is your full name?	Leave (if before end of meeting)
13:13:37	Jaseung Lee	
12:38:10	Hao Wang	13:00:20
12:19:49	Virag Varga	
12:14:53	Anand Joseph Michael	
12:07:46	Pantea Dara	13:35:21
12:07:15	Karlsson Carl-Joar	13:18:24
12:04:18	Georgia Savvidou	
12:03:58	Nasrin Nemati	
12:03:47	Lee Yi-Hsuan	12:58:23
12:03:36	Bukhari Syed Umer	
12:03:14	Changrampadi Mohamed Hashim	
12:00:11	Konstantinos Sotiropoulos	
	Yingxiao Yan	13:34:49
	Kaimre Hans Daniel	
	Konstantinos Konstantinidis	13:17:50
	Kanchiralla Fayas Malik	13:01:08
	Akhilesh Arjun	
	rahul aggarwal	
	Nishant Parekh	
	Ankit Vikrant	13:04:29
	Avi Jakhmola	13:03:50
	Rahul aggarwal	
	Caglar Tozluoglu	13:04:13
	Yixiao Wang	12:52:28
	Angelica Avella	
	Leon Muller	
	O Connell Michael	
	Thomas Deppisch	
	Yiting Cai	13:00:26
	Lorenzo Perticone	
	Dombeck Isabelle	
	Lochman Yaroslava	13:00:06
	Wang Hao	
	Wöhlet Anna	
	Brain Greta	
	Arjun Akhilesh	
	Christina Lee	12:52:08
	Voortman L Eric	
	Prabhat Kumar Jha	
	Milten Petter	12:58:06
	Victor Wahlstrand Skarstrom	12:59:37
	Olleja Pierluigi	
	Chen Siyuan	13:10:15
	Marie Vander Borght	
	Rana Saha	

Arrival (if after meeting started)	What is your full name?	Leave (if before end of meeting)
	Rimsky Wolfs	
	Paul Imgart	
	Mikael lantz	13:03:07
	Karolina Drake af Hagelsrum	13:03:26
	Lisa Bastås	
	Daniel gyllenhammar	13:02:38
	Michail Vourakis	
	Minerva Suvanto	
	Athanasios Theodoridis	
	Gabriel Arslan Waltersson	
	Vivien Lacorre	
	David Hedgren (CHS)	
	Fredrik Börjesson Sandén	
	Francisco Blas Izquierdo Riera	

**Received Motions (attached on PDF file)**

# Signature page

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