

Motion: a more representative board

1. Background

The board of DS “consists of a chairman and a vice chairman, who is also treasurer, and at least 5 other members.” where “The total number of board members is limited to twice the number of departments”. Currently this means that with 21 members, the DS Board is probably the largest one of all of the Chalmers sections. It also makes it almost impossible to find a time for board meetings working for everybody.

On the other hand the statutes state that “The board of the doctoral student guild shall, to the extent possible, have one representative from each department at Chalmers.” Having two board members makes it a bit more likely for all departments to have a representative but that is not always the case. Also, the statutes do provide the possibility of having deputy board members that can take over the representation when the member cannot attend the meeting. Finally, there is no need to be a board member to perform tasks on behalf of DS so there is no need to have such a large board.

Also, a provision should be in place to ensure PhD students can, through their local council, send a guest to the board meetings to ensure their voice is heard if the member and all deputies cannot attend the meeting.

Additionally, a provision should be in place to allow a representative from CHS and from Dr. GENIE, along with the the inspector and the auditor, to be present at the board meetings with voice but no vote.

Finally the role of Co-chairman should be added to the people composing the board.

2. Motions

In light of the foregoing, the undersigned move:

that the following part of section 3.2 of the statutes is changed from:

“The nomination committee cannot nominate any of its members for the positions chairman or vice chairman of the board.”

to:

“The nomination committee cannot nominate any of its members for the positions chairman, **co-chairman**, or vice chairman of the board.

(bold text used to highlight changes and not to be included on the statutes).

that section 4.2 of the statutes is changed from:

“The board consists of a chairman and a vice chairman, who is also treasurer, and at least 5 other members. The members shall be registered as PhD students at Chalmers

and members of the Doctoral Student Guild. The board of the doctoral student guild shall, to the extent possible, have one representative from each department at Chalmers. The total number of board members is limited to twice the number of departments. The GA may also elect one or more deputy board members from each department.”

to:

“The board consists of a chairman, **an eventual co-chairman**, and a vice chairman, who is also treasurer, **and other board members**. **All of the board** members shall be registered as PhD students at Chalmers and **be** members of the Doctoral Student Guild. The board of the doctoral student guild shall, to the extent possible, have one representative from each department at Chalmers. The total number of board members, **including the chairman, an eventual co-chairman, and a vice chairman is limited to a minimum of five and a maximum five or** twice the number of departments **whichever is largest**. The GA may also elect one or more deputy board members from each department. **Elected deputy board members, can replace a missing board member from their same department (including the chairman, an eventual co-chairman, and a vice chairman) having voice and the right to vote.**”

that section 4.3 of the statutes is changed from:

“Either the chairman or the vice chairman of the board must be present at the board meetings.”

to:

“Either the chairman, **the co-chairman**, or the vice chairman of the board must be present at the board meetings.”

(bold text used to highlight changes and not to be included on the statutes).

that a new section titled “Guests 4.5” is placed after section 4.4 of the statutes stating:

“Guests at the board meeting will only have the right to attend the meeting and to speak. All guests established in the “guests on board meetings” policy shall be invited to board meetings.”

that section 6.1 of the statutes is changed from:

“The authority to sign for the organization (teckna firma) is granted for a joint combination of two of the following:

- The chairman or the co-chairman
- The vice chairman
- Any of the other ordinary board members”

to:

“The authority to sign for the organization (teckna firma) is granted for a joint combination of two of the following:

- The chairman **or the co-chairman**
- The vice chairman
- Any of the other ordinary board members”

that the policy regarding guests in board meetings attached to this document is put into force.

Signed in Göteborg on 8th of February of 2023:
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Policy: guests on board meetings

The following policy contains specific rules for inviting guests to board meetings. Their rights as guests are already covered on the statutes, this document focuses instead on who shall be invited as a guest to board meetings.

This policy shall be changed only through a decision of the General Assembly.

For the purposes of this policy, deputy board members replacing a board member shall be accounted as if they were normal board members.

Temporary changes to be held until the next General assembly can be decided if supported in writing (for example through the board's mailing list) by both of the following:

- At least one of the chairman, the co-chairman or the vice chairman.
- At least two thirds of the board members (including the chairman, the co-chairman or the vice chairman).

Temporary changes on who can be a guest to be held during a specific board meeting can be made if approved by half of the board members present at the meeting.

The following people and have the right to be guests at the board meetings:

- A representative chosen by the board of Chalmers Student Union
- A representative chosen by Dr. GENIE
- A representative chosen by each of the Doctoral Section's work groups
- A representative chosen by the inspector of CHS
- A representative chosen by the auditor
- A representative chosen by the local PhD. council of each one of Chalmers' departments who will represent all of the PhD. students in that department
- All of the people invited explicitly by the person chairing the meeting
- Any persons co-opted during a board meeting as long ad the co-option is approved by at least half of the board members present at the meeting

If a board member who is already a member of the following groups is already present at the board meeting, the group will lose their possibility of sending a representative:

- The board of Chalmers Student Union
- Dr. GENIE
- Each of the Doctoral Section's work groups (independently)
- the PhD. students of each one of Chalmers' departments (independently)

In particular, this means that if a board member belonging to a department is present at the meeting, the local council of said department loses their right of sending a representative.

To ensure the chosen representatives can be invited to the meeting, an e-mail address shall be provided by those having right to send a representative to the chairman of DS at least a week before any invitations or scheduling happen. The chair of the meeting will use this e-mail address to offer the representatives the same scheduling facilities and invitation that would be offered to board members.

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