



Minutes of the Meeting (PhD Branch)

Date and Time: 2020-9-9 16.00 hrs

Place: Zoom, <https://umu.zoom.us/j/68935403266>

Attendees: Michele Persiani, Maitreyee Tewari, Anjan Rao, Nazanin Fouladgar, Lucas Hedström, Erik Steinvall, Timotheus Kampik

1. Selection of the meeting chair: *Michele Persiani*
2. Selection of the meeting secretary: *Maitreyee Tewari*
3. Appoint adjuster: *Lucas Hedström*
4. Approval of the agenda: *was approved*
5. Review of last meetings' minutes: *there were no follow-up questions or comments.*
6. Voting for the CS CODE PhD student representative:
 - a) Candidates: Sule Anjomshoae, Nazanin Fouladgar
 - b) *Introduction about CODE by Timotheus Kampik: they are responsible for recruitment, credit requirements, and other general issues regarding PhD students at CS department.*
 - c) *NTK board decided that since the board doesn't know both the candidates it will not be ethical to make a decision, so following were the suggestions: 1) PhD students at CS department vote for the CODE representative and then NTK makes that decision formal. Or, if no decision could be made then both the candidates join one of the meetings of NTK, give a short presentation on why they want to be in CODE and then the board can choose.*
7. Decisions to Take:
 - a) Social gathering to organize it together with the CS PhD social gathering: *the board members agreed to it.*
 - b) Autumn grand meeting: *Elizabeth asked that the grand meeting should be done between 21st and 30th September. Create a doodle for grand meeting. Followup with Anders Bek if he can do a seminar. We decided to do it in a large room together with virtual option on Zoom. Combine both the seminar and grand meeting.*

8. Communications and Reports: *Erik shared the survey that is being prepared at University level on how Covid-19 has effected PhD studies. The board suggested to add questions about work-life balance as well as social and emotional well-being of the PhD students.*
9. Other Questions: *We were informed that PhD half-day by the Faculty will be organized in Autumn and they will discuss the tools and methods for PhD students on how to get help.*
10. End of the meeting

Maitreyee

Secretary of the meeting

Michele

Chair of the branch

Attestant 1