EECS Staff meeting

22 February
Agenda

• Head of School Ann Lantz presents general news about the school's activities.

• Joakim Jaldén about the Faculty Board at EECS.

• Gunnar Malm gives an update on the move of KTH Kista.

• Eva-Lotta Sallnäs Pysander presents her research.

• Joel Kronborg and Jura Miniotaité, chair and vice chair of the PhD Student Council, present themselves.

• Questions and direct input from staff.
New employees

83 persons have been recruited to EECS during 2024.

- 3 Administrative Officers
- 17 Undergraduate Assistants (Amanuens)
- 20 Doctoral Students
- 5 Researchers
- 15 Research Engineers/research assistants
- 16 Postdocs
- 1 Affiliated faculty
- 2 Professor promotions
- 1 Associate Professor
- 3 Docents

About 470 people were recruited during 2023.
Promotions

Nickolay Ivchenko
Professor at Space and Plasma Physics

Mohammad Reza Hesamzadeh
Professor at Electric Power and Energy Systems

Olle Bälter
Professor at Media Technology and Interaction Design
New department and division management

The Department of Intelligent Systems

Joakim Gustafsson
Head of Department

Patric Jensfelt
Deputy Head of Department

The Division of Decision and Control Systems

Dimos Dimarogonas
Head of Division

Henrik Sandberg
Deputy Head of Division
KTH’s vision and goals

Vision – We take the lead for a sustainable society.

Goals

• **Education** – KTH’s education shall be of the highest quality and internationally competitive

• **Research** – KTH’s research shall be world-leading and have a major impact

• **Working and study environment** – KTH’s working and study environment shall be attractive, inclusive and equal

• **Efficient, sustainable resource management** – KTH’s working methods shall be efficient, sustainable and forward-looking.

KTH's vision and overall goals 2024–2028
Updates

• From 1 March, around 6 flexible office spaces will be available at Teknikringen 31-33, floor 4 and around 30 flexible office spaces on Lindstedtsvägen 3, floor 6.

• Update on the recruitment process for the deputy head of school position.
The EECS Faculty Board

Joakim Jaldén, Vice chair
The EECS Faculty Board

Representatives appointed by the employees’ organisations

Monika Åkerström
Alexander Baltatzis

Student representatives

Joel Kronborg
Leo Karsikas

External members
• Ambra Sannino, Vattenfall.
• Hanifeh Khayyeri, RISE.
What should and will the faculty board do

• The Faculty Board shall have overall responsibility within the school for
  1. long-term development of education and conditions for research in relation to KTH’s vision and goals,
  2. follow-up and development of quality within the framework of KTH’s quality system, as well as
  3. collegial anchoring and establishing forms of collegial exchange over the school’s areas of activity, subjects and research disciplines.

• The Faculty Board shall also
  • participate in the school’s operational planning,
  • participate in the preparation of principles for resource distribution within the school,
  • ensure opportunities for collegial exchange within the school regarding the issues that the board is responsible for, and
  • ensure appropriate processes within the school for the employment and promotion of teachers and employment of researchers.

• The Faculty Board is formally responsible for approving the programme syllabuses at the first and second level, for establishing or discontinuing courses at all levels and for establishing and discontinuing doctoral programs.
Update on the Kista move

Gunnar Malm
Gunnar Malm project leader part-time at school/KTH level (20%)

The KTH Board reviewed and approved the project plans and economy on Tuesday 20/2

The tentative end date is August 2026 – “teachers and students on the same campus”

We are now in an operational phase.
How the plan was designed

- The timeline for the transfer of education was jointly planned with THS (the student union).
- We want to ensure:
  - Good recruitment and motivated students for academic year 24/25.
  - Enough time to establish a chapter hall (sektionslokal) at the main campus.
  - Expansion of study places to replace facilities in Kista.
  - Teachers and students at the same campus as much as possible. A transition period during two academic years cannot be avoided.
- The office and lab move timeline will be on the division level.
Project key milestones

- Transfer of spring 2025 course rounds to the main campus for first-year/first-level students in Civing and Hing/Kand programs
  - Handled by VS EDO and program directors
  - Division heads and study directors will update affected staff (faculty and PhDs)
  - More complicated scheduling effort for second and third-year students
- First cohorts of first and second-level (master) students moved to the main campus on a programme basis fall of 2025
- The planning phase for new office locations for the COS, EES, and SCS divisions is starting now. Target moving date: Summer break 2025
- The planning phase for educational lab space starts now. Some labs can remain in Kista until academic year 25/26 if needed
- The planning phase for the research lab space starts now. Looking at locations that are already adapted for lab work. In the vicinity of office space.
After the move

• Some office space in Kista will remain around Electrum (the cleanroom) – no details now

• A separate project handles the future collaboration with important collaboration partners in Kista, such as Ericsson AB.
Inclusive Digital Learning

Eva-Lotta Sallnäs Pysander
Inclusive Digital Learning

VR research environment

Partners in the research environment

- KTH: Eva-Lotta Sallnäs Pysander and Kjetil Falkenberg
- Örebro university: Annika Andersson and Jonas Moll
- Lund university: Charlotte Magnusson
- Södertörns university: Pernilla Josefsson
- Begripsam AB/LU: Stefan Johansson (affiliated faculty at KTH)

Funding

- The Swedish Research Council
- Call: Social consequences of digitalisation
- Research environment duration 2024-2029
Inclusive Digital Learning focuses on inclusion in group work in school for students with visual impairment and for students with concentration difficulties, in close collaboration with the teacher education programs at Örebro U. and Södertörn U.

**Main aims for the research environment are to investigate:**

- How the digitalisation of the school affects learning and inclusion in group work for these student groups today.

- Whether multisensory interfaces together with an inclusive pedagogical approach can better support these student groups.
Inclusive Digital Learning

Previous work in collaboration with SPSM, SRF, Axess Lab AB and ÖU

VR research environment
EECS PhD Student Council

Joel Kronborg & Jura Miniota
Doctoral Student Representation at KTH

TEKNISKA HÖGSKOLANS STUDENTKÅR (THS)
THS monitors and contributes to the development of the education and the conditions for study at KTH.
🔗 ths.kth.se

DOKTORANDSEKTIONEN (DR)
The PhD Chapter promotes more effective and higher quality Ph.D. education and research, a stimulating working environment and improves the general conditions for its members.
🔗 dr.kth.se

EECS PHD COUNCIL
Same as above, but on the level of the school.
EECS PhD Student Council

It is currently made up of 13 Ph.D. students, both on Campus and in Kista, spread over four doctoral programmes and 10 divisions.

As doctoral student representatives, we participate in all decision-making groups. To name but a few, we contribute to

• faculty recruitment and promotion;
• school, departments, and divisions management;
• work environment; and
• third-cycle education.

Elections are held once per year, but the door is always open to new members 😊

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this could be you! 👉

LEGEND
- Chair
- Vice Chairs
- PAD (and Doctoral Programme Council)
- Doctoral Programme Council
- Event Manager
- Faculty Recruitment and Promotion
- School and Department Management
- Work Environment
- Gender Equality, Diversity, and Equal Opportunities

CS

Joel (CST)  Jura (SCS)  Amir (TCS)  Fereidoon (RPL)  Simon (NSE)  Alberta (RPL)

CS

EE

Martin (ISE)  Anubhab (ISE)

MC

Abhishek (MID)  Jooyoung (MID)

ICT

Jordi (EES)  Yasaman (COS)  Massimo (SCS)

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Questions?