

**STUDENTS' COUNCIL – TERM 2014-2016**  
**5<sup>th</sup> MEETING JANUARY 26<sup>th</sup> 2015**  
**MINUTES**

On Monday, 26/01/2015, at 14:10, in the A1 room of SISSA (International School for Advanced Studies) in Trieste (IT), the Students' Council – summoned by electronic mail on 14/01 – gathers. There are present:

	<b>Components</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>A</b>
1	Claudia MANCUSO	President – School Council – Phys.	X		
2	Silvia CORSINI	Senate	X		
3	Cristiano DE NOBILI	Senate	X		
4	Matteo CASATI	Board of Directors	X		
5	Massimo LUMACA	Board of Directors	X		
6	Domenico MONACO	Evaluation Unit	X		
7	Piermarco FONDA	School Council	X		
8	Paolo GIDONI	School Council – MA		X	
9	Yamil VIDAL DOS SANTOS	School Council – CNS - VP	X		
10	Federico ISEPPON	School Council - NB	X		
11	Giuseppe PUGLISI	AP		X	
12	Mauro VALLI	APP			X
13	Lorenzo DEL RE	CM			X
14	Giovanni PINAMONTI	SBP	X		
15	Alessio CHIOCCHETTA T.	SP	X		
16	Pietro BARATELLA	TPP	X		
17	Francesco BOAROTTO	AM	X		
18	Giorgio SCATTAREGGIA	GEOM		X	
19	Gianluca ORLANDO	MAMA	X		
20	Nicolò PIAZZALUNGA	MP		X	
21	Cristina FIMIANI	SFG		X	
	Guillaume CASTEX	Postdoc - Senate			X
	Sandro BOTTARO	Postdoc - Physics			X
	Giuliano LAZZARONI	Postdoc - Mathematics			X
	Paolo VATTA	Postdoc - Neuroscience			X

Legend: P present, E excused, A absent. \* see in the minutes variations; ° participates for specific points of the agenda

Claudia MANCUSO, President of the Students' Council is the chairperson. Reporting secretary is Massimo Lumaca

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The President verifies that the legal number of participants is reached (14/21).  
The meeting is opened with the following agenda:

- 1 Communications by the President.**
- 2 Standing committees**
- 3 Mission budget for last year students**
- 4 Problems with getting materials in Neuroscience area**
- 5 Physics area Council**
- 6 Speed limiters on via Bonomea**
- 7 Report of the Senate of December**
- 8 Any other business**

## **1. Communications by the President**

The President welcome the students' representatives who are present at the Council meeting and introduce the first communication.

*Election of the new Director:* The president informs the Council that the first poll for the elections of the new Director will be on 25<sup>th</sup> of February. Prof. Stefano Ruffo will be the only candidate. If elected, prof. Ruffo will be in charge from November 2015.

*Vademecum for students:* The Director (via Riccardo Iancier – mail dated on 08/01/2015) asked the students' representatives to prepare a *vademecum* for the PhD students in SISSA. A meeting with Riccardo Iancier will be set on the next weeks to discuss the main topics to be inserted in the vademecum. During the Council meeting its structure is discussed. All students' representatives agree on a single document, where the first part is more general, and the second part more specific for the PhD course the student is enrolled.

*Psychologist:* ARDISS changed the psychologist, who now is a female. The Council raised the question whether she speaks English or not. Matteo Casati raises the question on how many students are undergoing to psychological support and whether we have to inform these students on occurred change. These questions need further investigation.

*Open Day:* The President informs the Council that on 11<sup>th</sup> of February (Wednesday) 500 students from High School will visit SISSA. Everything is already planned. She informs that up to now only 19 students are available to look for these students, and that more students are needed (as many as possible). No experiment or didactic activity will be carried on during the day.

*Student survey:* The President informs the Council that data on the student survey (questionnaire) have been collected and digitized, but now they need to be analyzed. Results of the survey must be ready for the next Students' Council.

14:33 Giovanni Pinamonti leaves the room.

Matteo Casati raise the question if non-PhD students of SISSA masters (HPC, MCA, Communication of Science, JUMBO etc) should be represented in the student Council. Francesco Boarotto gives the following suggestion: it is not necessary they are represented. They should contact the Council when are presented with problems. The Council seems to prefer another solution: ask the students of these courses to choose one representative; but this only for master that do lessons regularly in SISSA (e.g., Communication of science, with just a week of lesson per

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month won't be included). Students of these courses need to be contacted to give their representative's name (Silvia Corsini for JUMBO and Domenico Monaco for Physics in Complex Systems).

14:39 Cristiano De Nobili joins the Student Council.

## 2. Standing Committees

The President announces that the Standing Committees are not still ready, and each one of the students' representatives should be in the list. Three permanent Committees constitutes the Standing Committees, and the list of representative in each of them is as follows <sup>a</sup>:

I) DIDACTICS	II) SERVICES	III) COMMUNICATION & OUTREACH
Corsini Gidoni Pinamonti Scattareggia Dos Santos Del Re Puglisi	Casati Firmiani Monaco Orlando Iseppon Baratella Piazzalunga	De Nobili Lumaca Mancuso Boarotto Fonda Chiocchetta Valli

<sup>a</sup> in red the missing names, put in the list during the Student Council

-The first Committee (DIDACTICS) is concerned with problems raised by PhD students in Didactics.

-The second Committee (SERVICES) is mostly concerned with money, salary, missions and lab supplies.

-The third Committee is concerned with keeping in touch student representatives and PhD students.

All this in order to "digest" problems before the Student Council occurs, possibly making it shorter and more effective.

The Council APPROVES the list.

## 3. Missions

Matteo Casati summarized the issue about money for scientific missions raised by the ISAC. More specifically, the ISAC asked more money (more than 500 euro) to support the student in the last year of PhD. This year 1000 euro are available for each student. The main problem is that these funds should be spent in very constrained conditions and thus might be hardly spent. Different rules will be discussed by Matteo Casati and dott. Janousek to have a more "flexible" and efficient use of these funds (e.g. include this money in the international agreement missions funds).

Point 6 and 4 of the agenda were changed in order.

## 4. Speed limiters

Yamil Dos Santos presents the situation. Currently the car traffic in via Bonomea makes dangerous to cross the road to take the bus. He suggests that speed limiters should be available. For this purpose Yamil will make a draft to send to the director and asked his approval.

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The request was APPROVED unanimously.

15:13 Gianluca Orlando left.

## **5. Problems with getting material in Neuroscience area**

Federico Iseppon explains the current situation. Orders for getting lab material are not processed correctly or are blocked by slow bureaucracy. Take one person who is in charge of this stuff should be good way to manage the problem. The point is that not only the students, but mainly the PI's and the technicians that manage the laboratories should raise this problem. One proposal have been made by the Council: raise this problem in Area's Council. If it doesn't work the problem should be addressed to the Director.

Silvia Corsini raises the problem that the use of Internet in laboratories has been prohibited by Tomicic. We should investigate on the reasons. If these are not safety reasons but just to work more efficiently the Council will complain on it. Silvia Corsini will ask more questions to dr. Lanza.

## **6. Physics area Council**

The President explains the main problem to the Council: There are neither records nor memory about when the Physics Area Council has met in the last months, while the Area Board meetings seem to be regularly held, but without giving notice to the students about their outcome. The Students' representatives in Physics Board are Giovanni PINAMONTI and Pietro BARATELLA, and report that the Board has met usually once every two months, but basically only for routine issues. They confirm that the Area Council has never met in full composition (namely, disregarding the meetings reserved to professors only) since the beginning of the academic term. The Students' Board is put in charge of checking the regulations, verifying that the current situation of Physics Area's Council and Board is regular and, if possible, providing the students' representatives of Physics Area with the reports of the Board meetings.

## **7. Report senate December 2014**

Cristiano De Nobili reported just few points that are interesting for the students: a fellowship was suspended for a maternity leave of a neuroscients and there was a student who gave up his own fellowship.

## **8. Any other business**

Sometimes important mails sent to the student are just in Italian (see the one with "boars in the garden" of December). This point will be raised by the Council in future.

Having depleted the agenda, the meeting is dismissed at 15:43.

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