

STUDENTS' COUNCIL – TERM 2014-2016
2nd MEETING SEPTEMBER, 29th 2014
MINUTES

On Monday, September 29th 2014, at 14:00, in SISSA Big Meeting Room (VII floor) in Trieste (IT), the Students' Council – summoned by electronic mail on September, 23th – gathers.
 There are present:

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

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

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Claudia MANCUSO is the chairperson. Reporting secretary is Yamil VIDAL DOS SANTOS.

The chairperson, after verifying the legal number of the participants (16/22) opens the meeting with the following agenda:

1. President's communications
2. Students' Council regulation
3. Renewal of the permanent committees
4. Discussion on the new director: profiles and opinions
5. Update on missions
6. SISSA club: open day and presentation activities to the students
7. Report of the Academic Senate and Board of Directors
8. Any other business.

The President proposes to anticipate the discussion of point 6 in order to set free Riccardo CRISTOFERI, Vice-president of the SISSA Club.

The discussion is opened at 14:00.

1. PRESIDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS

Claudia MANCUSO reminds to the representatives that on Sep 30th at 15:30 there will be the official presentation of SISSA TALENTS. She underlines the importance of gathering a big number of people, especially among the 3rd and 4th year students.

2. STUDENTS' COUNCIL REGULATION

Domenico MONACO handles the final draft of the Student's Council Regulations. The main points of the regulations are summarized by him and discussed by the Council. There is a long discussion about Article 21. which concerns "Other Assemblies". It is decided to include a new Article, which summarizes the position of the Student's Council on other informal or unofficial student's meetings or discussions to underline the importance of the promotion of democratic discussion among the students.

3. RENEWAL OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEES

The term of the executive committees of the School (General Services, Didactics, Research, Hiring) is expiring on October, 1st. The Director expressed his will to renew their term without changing the composition, but the students' representatives, where required by the regulations, are graduating in the next weeks.

The Council decided, then, to renew all the students' representation in the School Committees, both the executive ones and the others (Comitati Utenti). After a brief discussion some available people proposed themselves to cover ITCS Users Committee (PINAMONTI) and Didactics Committee (SCATTAREGGIA), or were proposed by the Councillors. The Council puts in charge the Board to verify the availability and to act consequently.

4. NEW DIRECTOR

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Matteo CASATI summarizes a list of the candidates for the position of Director of SISSA. The Councilors discuss their personal impressions of each candidate. There is also a discussion about one communication of the Search Committee, in which it was expressed the intention of calling only two candidates for the next round of discussions. On this communication, the Search Committee also expressed that according to their view, the general agreement is that these two candidates should be Prof. Maria Chiara CARROZZA and Prof. Stefano RUFFO. During these discussions is pointed out that the Council's two preferred candidates are Prof. Maria Chiara CARROZZA and Prof. Luciana BIANCHI.

The final position of the Council is that the Search Committee should convoke these 3 candidates. If the decision of the Search Committee is to convoke only 2 candidates, then the Student's Council would propose Prof. Maria Chiara CARROZZA and Prof. Luciana BIANCHI.

5. MISSIONS

Federico ISEPPON explains that he has performed a survey among the students to understand better how the money allocated for missions is being spent. The Council discuss with are the common problems with the missions. The main problems pointed out are several. The approval of missions takes a very long time, which sometimes forces the students to leave before the mission is approved. The reimbursement of money spent during missions also takes a very long time, some times exceeding 6 months. It is also pointed out that how the money is allocated is not clear, as some students have their requests for missions denied due to lack of funds, even if they have not spent they money they are supposed to count on.

Matteo CASATI explains how mission's funds are divided into a budget to be spent on missions to centers with whom SISSA has a convention and another budget to be spent on missions to centers without a convention. The small number of centers with whom SISSA has conventions is pointed out as a further problem.

After this discussion, the Council approves to request to the Secretaries of the Areas a detailed list of the missions that have been approved, in order to have a clear view on how mission's funds are being allocated.

6. SISSA CLUB: open day and presentation

Riccardo CRISTOFERI reports the activities that the SISSAClub will offer during this academic year. He explains which of these activities are only for members of the SISSAClub and which are open to the entire community at no cost. He also explains that there are two modalities of subscription. The first one is a 10 euros subscription that includes insurance and is intended for the Volleyball Team. The second modality instead is a 5 euros subscription without insurance for all the other activities.

Following this he reports about the condition of the music room, which instruments have been repaired and which still need to be taken care of. He expresses that to improve the general condition of the music room, it will be necessary to buy more material.

Next, he explains which are the activities that will be part of the WELCOME WEEK, which will take place from Nov 16th till Nov 22nd. About this topic, he requests the help of the representatives for the organization and the promotion of the event.

Finally he briefly describes the 3 SISSA parties that the SISSAClub will help to organize during this year and also request the collaboration of the representatives for these events.

7. REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Given the lack of urgency and the time, the President proposes to postpone the discussion of this point of the agenda to the next Students' Council. The proposals is APPROVED.

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8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Matteo CASATI presents the new webpage of the Student's Reps, which is under construction. There is a discussion about the role of the website and the relation that it will have to the SISSA Wiki. There is a general agreement about the lack on maintenance of the SISSA Wiki, but the Student's Reps website is not meant to be a replacement. Instead is conceived as a portal that is in direct control of the Student's Representatives.

Having depleted the agenda, the meeting is dismissed at 16.30

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