

STUDENTS' COUNCIL – TERM 2014-2016
INAUGURATION MEETING of JUNE, 5th 2014
MINUTES

On Thursday, June 5th 2014, at 14:00, in room A1 of SISSA (International School for Advanced Studies) in Trieste (IT), the Students' Council – summoned by electronic mail on May, 30th – 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	Alessandro DI FILIPPO	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*		
	Massimo LUMACA	Member-elect of the BoD	X		
	Guillaume CASTEX	Postdoc - Senate	X		
	Sandro BOTTARO	Postdoc - Physics			X
	Giuliano LAZZARONI	Postdoc - Mathematics			X
	Paolo VATTA	Postdoc - Neuroscience			X
	Claudia ANTOLINI	Former President of the Council	X°		

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Francesca ARICI	SISSAClub - President	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

Claudia ANTOLINI, the former President of the Council until May, 20th, is the chairperson. Reporting secretary is Matteo Casati.

The chairperson, after verifying the legal number of the participants (15/22: Giovanni Pinamonti is absent) opens the meeting with the following agenda:

- 1 REPORT 2013 & SISSA SUMMER PARTY 2014
 - 1.1 SISSA Summer Party 2014: presentation of the party and budget; short discussion, hints & clues; voluntary collaboration
 - 1.2 Report 2014: brief discussion, corrections (if any) and formal approval of the draft
- 2 ISAC REPORT. Report of the meetings with the ISAC members: general assembly, separate meetings; discussion, outlook and perspectives.
- 3 NEW COUNCIL ASSESSMENT
 - 3.1 Elections of the President of the Students' Council. Choice of the Vice President/Secretary.
 - 3.2 Formal approval of the guidelines for Reps and Students.
 - 3.3 Regulations for the Students' Council; presentation of the dedicated Committees; discussion.
 - 3.4 Executive Committees; discussion about formal procedures for the succession.
 - 3.5 CORAF statute: modifications; elections of SISSA Rep in the CORAF assembly
 - 3.6 Reports from BoD and Senate
- 4 Any other business.

The discussion is opened at 14.15

1. REPORT 2013 & SISSA SUMMER PARTY 2014

1.1 SISSA Summer Party 2014

The vicepresident of the SISSA Club, Riccardo CRISTOFERI, explains the proposal by the SISSA Club to throw the party at Baracchino di Barcola, spending the budget basically to provide free alcohol to all the participants. The party may start at 8pm as a 'long aperitif' and go on until 2pm with acoustic music and music played by the bar speakers. This proposal opposes and innovates the long standing tradition of parties at a discotheque.

Giovanni PINAMONTI enters at 14.20.

Giorgio SCATTAREGGIA leaves at 14.30

After a long discussion, in which several pros and cons are expressed by the members of the Council, the Chairperson asks the SISSA Club to

- Analyze in more details the legal and bureaucratic issues of this proposal and whether the Direction will be able to approve it. Moreover, the SISSA Club is asked to provide a more detailed proposal
- Contact Ausonia (Cooperativa Confini) to get an estimate for an usual party

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The deadline is one week from the day of the meeting (June, 13th). The Students' Council will vote which proposal to submit to the Direction in electronic form.
The President and Vice-President of the SISSA Club exit.

1.2 Students' Report 2014

The draft of the report had been sent to the members of the Council by the Chairperson. The only difference with respect to the draft is the paragraph written by the representatives for the Workers' Safety on the workplace (Gianluca PIETRA and Alessandro DI FILIPPO).

Alessandro DI FILIPPO explains the content of the paragraph.

There is a long discussion on maternity leaves for women working in the laboratories, who sometimes have hidden their pregnancy not to stop doing their research. It is not only a safety issue, but also an economic one (fellowship can be suspended up to one year, but a contribution is given for five months, which is the ordinary maternity leave, but people are prevented working in the labs for all the length of the pregnancy) and a 'equal opportunity' one.

The original formulation of the paragraph is deemed to be inappropriate. Alessandro DI FILIPPO will rephrase the paragraph stressing the needs of a major awareness of the workers' facilitation in maternity and paternity leaves, and asking to CUG to organize an Open Day or an assembly on the topic, which is thought to be interesting both for female and male students.

The amendment is APPROVED unanimously. The final version of the Students' Report is attached to the minutes. (*All. 1*)

The Students' Council designates Claudia ANTOLINI, former President until May 20th, to present the report to the next School Council. This proposal is approved unanimously.

The President elected during the meeting will officially designate Claudia ANTOLINI on behalf of the Council.

2. ISAC Report

Matteo CASATI briefly reminds to the Council about the closed meeting between the ISAC and all the PhD students at SISSA. A memorandum of what was told during the meeting had been sent to the members of the Council, to the ISAC and (after the proposal by the ISAC and the electronic approval by the Council itself) to the Director. The memorandum is attached to these minutes (*All. 2*)

Alessandro DI FILIPPO reports about the separate meetings between some of the ISAC members and the students of Neuroscience Area and of the PhD course in Cognitive Neuroscience. There has also been a meeting between ISAC and Neurobiology students, and a further meeting between prof. Poschiantz and all the Neuroscience students. During these meetings it has been noticed a problem of lack of communication between students and representatives, with students asking the ISAC about issues the students' representatives knew and were able to reply.

Cristina FIMIANI reports that, while in these single meetings the topics already reported to the full ISAC but tightly related to the Neuroscience Area have been told again, after some days a group of students of Neurobiology and Genomics wrote and signed a letter to ISAC reporting some unaddressed issues between the two PhDs courses: difficult relationship among professors –

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which are quite well known – and alleged problems about the use of laboratories and the scheduling of the progress reports.

This has been done without cooperating with the PhD courses representatives, who were informed only after the drafting of the letter.

All the members of the Council point out the apparent problem of the lack of communication and interaction between students and representatives.

Yamil VIDAL DOS SANTOS recommends a more direct and face-to-face approach to the role of the PhD course representative.

Alessandro DI FILIPPO concludes underlining how the ISAC outcome is very important for the future of the School, and how it may affect the beginning of the term of the new Director.

Yamil VIDAL DOS SANTOS recommends to exploit the 'movement' generated by the ISAC visit to call for assemblies in order to let the students to share their concerns and problems and strengthen the collaboration between representatives and students.

Guillaume CASTEX briefly reports about the meeting between ISAC and postdocs. The main topics covered were the health insurance for EU postdocs and the mission fundings. He expresses satisfaction for the participation of postdocs both to the preliminary meeting and to the meeting with the ISAC itself.

3. New Council Assessment

3.1 Election of the new President and Vicepresident.

Eolo DI CASOLA, senior councilor, takes the chair of the meeting for the formal inauguration of the new term.

Claudia ANTOLINI, former President, briefly explains the task and the commitment of the President of the Students' Council.

Yamil VIDAL DOS SANTOS and Claudia MANCUSO present their candidatures as President of the Council and briefly state their motivation.

Have the right to vote only the members of the Council according to the Statute (nr. 1-22 of the list of participants). The vote is secret. Eolo DI CASOLA distributes the ballots and Claudia ANTOLINI collects them back. Eolo DI CASOLA proceeds to the scrutiny assisted by Claudia ANTOLINI.

Results of the poll:	Claudia MANCUSO	10 votes
	Yamil VIDAL DOS SANTOS	4 votes
	Alessandro DI FILIPPO	1 vote

The new President of the Students' Council for the term 2014-2016 is Claudia MANCUSO.

Claudia ANTOLINI, having concluded her term and tasks, leaves at 16.20.

Domenico MONACO and Yamil VIDAL DOS SANTOS present their candidatures as Vice-president of the Students' Council.

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The vote is recorded and the results are: Yamil VIDAL DOS SANTOS 6 votes
Domenico MONACO 5 votes
Abstained 4 votes

The new Vice-President of the Students' Council is Yamil VIDAL DOS SANTOS.

Cristina FIMIANI leaves at 16.30

3.2 Approval of the guidelines for Reps and Students

The guidelines had already been presented in the informal meeting of May. It is decided to add a section about maternity and paternity in SISSA after the discussion of point 1.2

The guidelines are approved unanimously after the aforementioned addition. (*All. 3*)

3.3 Regulation of the Students' Council

Matteo CASATI presents the proposal (*All. 4*) to establish a committee to work on a regulation for the Students' Council according to some general guidelines.

Alessandro DI FILIPPO points out the need to clarify the role of the President, suggests to avoid a long-term scheduling of the meetings and insists on the need of communication and to clear state which are the duties of the representatives in the Governing Bodies (the so-called Big Reps) and the time commitment.

Eolo DI CASOLA proposes to start gathering content for the regulation, then appoint the committee. Matteo CASATI proposes to appoint the committee to start working on these very general directions in order to submit the Council a more concrete draft to work on.

The Council agrees to appoint the Committee for the Regulation. Its members are Matteo CASATI, Domenico MONACO, Giuseppe PUGLISI, Yamil VIDAL DOS SANTOS. The deadline for the first draft is the end of June. Whoever has suggestions is warmly invited since now to write to studentscouncil@lists.sissa.it to propose them.

3.4 Executive Committees

The chairperson proposes to skip the point, because of the time and of the lack of urgency. The Council agrees.

Giovanni PINAMONTI leaves at 16.40

3.5 CORAF Statute. Modifications; elections of SISSA Rep in the CORAF assembly

Matteo CASATI briefly explains how is CORAF regulated now and which is the procedure to amend the Statute. Each member institution (among which SISSA) must approve the proposed amendments.

The amendments proposed are in *All. 5*. In particular, the new regional laws make the only possible choice for Art. 3 the proposal number 2, with a change of names that makes the article as follows:

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Il Co.R.A.F. è composto dal Presidente e dal Vice Presidente del Consiglio degli Studenti dell'Università degli Studi di Trieste, dal Presidente e dal Vice Presidente del Consiglio degli Studenti dell'Università degli Studi di Udine, dai due Rappresentanti degli Studenti nel Consiglio di Amministrazione della SISSA, dal Presidente e dal Vice Presidente della Consulta degli Studenti del Conservatorio di Trieste "G. Tartini", dal Presidente e dal Vice Presidente della Consulta degli Studenti del Conservatorio di Udine "J. Tomadini", e dai membri del Consiglio di indirizzo studentesco dell'ARDISS senza diritto di voto.

The Students' Representatives in the ARDISS Students' Steering Committee do not have the right to vote because each institution has a different number of representatives and ERDISU wants to maintain the equal representation of all the member institutions.

All the proposed amendments are approved unanimously.

Matteo CASATI reminds that, according to CoRAF statute, the SISSA ordinary representatives are the two members of the Board of Directors, but that they can delegate someone else for the office. Anyone who wants to take the place of one or both of the members of the board in CoRAF is invited to propose him/herself by the next meeting of the Council.

3.6. Reports from last meeting of Senate and Board of Directors

The written report from the last meeting of the Board is attached (*All. 6*). Since the most delicate point is the proposal to establish a laboratory in Applied Mathematics following De Simone's ERC, the representatives from AM and MAMA are invited to provide the Council with a motivated opinion about the project.

Having depleted the agenda, the meeting is dismissed at 16.50

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